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PALESTINE TRAIN OUTRAGE

Twenty-Five British Soldiers Killed In Blast

Nineteen Die In Explosion

Nineteen of the 21 crew of a Chinese steam launch, "Sun Wing On," were killed on Saturday when the boiler of the craft burst while the ship was towing a passenger junk from Kung Yik, a village port in the Pearl River delta. It was reported from Macao yesterday.

Canton Raid On Speculators

What is believed to be South China's main communications centre for gold and foreign currency manipulators was raided by Canton's secret economic police on Saturday, according to press despatches from the Kwangtung capital yesterday.

When the police broke into a flat on Tung Man Road, they found more than 10 telephones, a battery of the latest type of radio receiving and transmitting sets, and a considerable number of documents.

The documents showed that the activities of the gold bullion and foreign currency racketeers covered Hong Kong, Wuchow, Shanghai and Hankow, which had, prior to the raid, been in communication with the centre in Canton. Books showed that gold and foreign quotations were sent out almost every minute of the day, added the reports. Transactions by radio totalled "billions of dollars" daily.

Only two arrests have been made, but more are expected.

THE WAY OF THE TRANSgressor

Berlin, Feb. 29. A German dance band player in Saxony-Anhalt, in the Soviet Zone, pushed his trumpet through a portrait of Karl Marx and played the comic song: "You are badly shaved today" with the portrait hanging on his instrument.

He will be out of gaol in three months, DPD, the Ger-

Three Carriages Shattered

Jerusalem, Feb. 29. A train was blown up today two kilometres north of Rehovoth, and more than 25 British soldiers were killed.

Three carriages of the train, running from Haifa to Cairo, were shattered by the explosions. Craters showed that electrically detonated mines had been so spaced that one would explode under each coach.

The explosions flung wood and torn up rails hundreds of yards. The mines were planted only a few miles from the barracks at Sarafand, the largest military depot in the Middle East.

The train was on its normal run and usually contains three coaches reserved for military. These coaches were crammed with soldiers.

First to arrive on the scene were Hagana scouts who started pulling the dead and injured out of the splintered coaches and treating the wounded.

Two of the three coaches were blown to pieces. A Red Cross convoy was dispatched to the wreck and several hundred troops have joined in the rescue work with the Hagana scouts.

A government statement said the train was en route from Haifa to Egypt. The troops aboard were believed to be withdrawing from Palestine in line with the British decision to quit the Holy Land.

49 Injured

The Army's latest reports showed that in addition to the killed, 21 were severely injured and 28 slightly.

Three mines, one under each of the three leading troop coaches, were detonated, but a fourth did not explode.

Twisted girders from the cars, which splintered over the nearby orange groves. The track was twisted and tangled with debris.

Cries of the wounded and the dying rent the chill air while ambulances came over snip-

Dr. Lapp As Prophet Of Woe

Washington, Feb. 29. Virtually all cities in the United States offer "lush" targets for atom bombs, but, to the scientific mind of Dr. R. E. Lapp, a leading atomic scientist, Washington is the most tempting of all.

Dr. Lapp was specially commissioned by the Army to investigate the effects of an atomic attack on Washington, and his report makes grim and uncomfortable reading to any resident of the capital.

"For an aggressor not to attack this critical city would be a military blunder of the worst type," he says.

In a hypothetical attack, Dr. Lapp takes a point on the Potomac River, in the heart of Washington, as the bomb's target.

"Such a point would show up well on the bomber's radar screen," Dr. Lapp states laconically.

The bomb would be timed to burst at an altitude of about half a mile. According to what he claims to be authoritative and thoroughly scientific estimates, Dr. Lapp says that the bomb would destroy outright the Army and Air Force, the Navy Department, the State Department, the Department of the Interior, the Department of Agriculture, the Atomic Energy Commission building which runs the nation's atomic resources, eight hospitals, and two of the main bridges across the river.

The loss of life in this area would be 90 per cent, according to Dr. Lapp.

"As a result of the detonation, many Congressmen, high Government officials and key military officers would be killed. The leadership of the Government would revert to those who remained alive in the nation's first city,"—Reuter.

Korea Story Denied

Seoul, Feb. 29. The U.S. Army authorities today emphatically denied reports that American troops are digging in along the 38th parallel, marking the Soviet-American Zone's border.

"Absolutely no fortifications for tactical training or any other purposes have been or are being constructed along the border," an official spokesman said. He added that there was no artillery within miles of the border.

The denial followed an American Broadcasting Company correspondent's report that American troops were digging foxholes along the border. The correspondent, Ray Falk, said that foxholes were being dug at regular intervals along the 38th parallel and that American soldiers were digging new gun emplacements.—United Press.

Dope Ring Broken In Shanghai

Shanghai, Feb. 29. The smashing of a gigantic dope smuggling ring operating between Shanghai, Wuhai and Nanking was reported today by the C.I.D. of the Shanghai Police.

The report stated that the ring-leaders, numbering 22, had been arrested.

Among them were Hsieh Chang-yung (a Taiwanese) and Lin Huan-ming (a Korean). These two were said to be the brains of the ring. The dope was transported in airplanes or coastal steamers plying between Korean ports and China. Drugs seized by the Shanghai police included 797 ounces of morphine, 649 taels of opium and 621 ounces of cocaine. The report gave the amount of cash captured from the dope peddlers as CN\$270,000,000, with 22 ounces of gold.—Central News.

32 Arrests

Shanghai, Feb. 29. Thirty-two persons were arrested and nearly 1,500 ounces of narcotics, worth CN\$5,000,000, were seized as the local police smashed one of the largest nationwide drug manufacturing and trafficking rings, according to a police disclosure yesterday.

In addition, 621 ounces of cocaine, for adulterating the drugs, and 22 ounces of gold were confiscated. The arrested persons include two Koreans. The majority of them were leading luxurious lives here when the police started their swoop. They lived in pretentious mansions and travelled by motorcar while their homes were installed with alarms and surrounded by barbed-wire fences.—Reuter.

PAKISTAN BUDGET

Karachi, Feb. 29. Pakistan's first budget proposals were presented last night by Finance Minister Ghuftu Mohammed, and showed a deficit of 234,100,000 rupees for the 1947-48 year and 101,100,000 rupees for 1948-49.

The Minister told a packed house that the main features of the dominion's financial position were lack of industrial development, disruption of the banking structure, dislocation of transportation and communications systems and heavy defence expenditures.—United Press.

NAVY MEN IN CUSTODY

Two British Navy signalmen were handed over to the Police yesterday by the Master of the s.s. "Shamsi" (Capt. Booth) for attempting to stow away on board the ship.

The two men, who will appear before the Magistrate this morning, were found inside No. 5 lifeboat just before the ship was due to sail for Australia.

They had with them a quantity of apples, bread and other edibles.

Jerusalem, Feb. 29. It was officially announced today that the refugee ship "Fighters and Builders" with 300 illegal immigrants was boarded by the Royal Navy without opposition this morning and is being taken to Haifa.—United Press.

Taxi-Drivers Robbed

Two taxi-drivers were assaulted and robbed by "customers" over the week-end.

The first incident took place just before midnight on Saturday. A Chinese engaged a "Dollar" taxi near 91 Wong-nai-chong Road and instructed the driver (Lau Sun) to drive to the Los Theatre. When the taxi was approaching the top of Link Road, the "passenger" struck the driver with something which resembled a revolver, ordered him to stop and took from him \$45. The taxi driver was taken to the Los Theatre.

GUATEMALA PROTESTS: BRITISH MEASURES IN HONDURAS

Guatemala formally protested to the United Nations today against the presence of British cruisers in "Guatemalan territory."

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DEMOCRACY ON TRIAL

London, Feb. 29. The fate of democracy under the stress of post-war problems was discussed by two leading Labour Ministers in speeches today.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, preaching in a Bristol church, warned that Christianity and totalitarianism could not persist side by side in the same nation.

"The only conclusive answer to the totalitarian Fuehrer-principle is the Christian and democratic Christ-principle," he said.

"Democracy, without a spiritual content, is just another form of government, to be judged solely from the point of view of its efficiency in getting things done."

"It is, therefore, for ever in danger of being overthrown by the more necessities of the economic or political situation."

The War Minister, Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, declared in a speech in London that the principles of democracy were "threatened by European distress, which is more responsible for political confusion than any other cause."

"It must be admitted that many people are not so much concerned about retaining liberty of speech and representative institutions, based on democracy, when they are subjected to suffering and starvation," he added.

"That is why the most determined efforts must now be made to promote European recovery and give the nations in Europe the opportunity of regaining their self-respect."

"If we fail in this, we shall certainly witness another phase of totalitarianism, the end of which can only be the emergence of a disastrous war."—Reuter.

The deceased was one of the keenest supporters of the Jockey Club, and a veteran jockey. Aged 40 years, Mr. Tang first donned local racing colours when he was about 13 years old.

He was connected with his brother in the Wing Lee Co. of Des Voeux Road, Central. Mr. Tang is survived by a wife, a son and two daughters, two brothers and two sisters.

Antarctic Storm
The Admiralty disclosed last night that the cruiser Nigeria and the sloop Snipe were slightly damaged in a heavy storm which swept the Falkland Islands area last Wednesday with winds up to 100 knots.

The Nigeria had to fight its way through 60 knot gales to reach Port Stanley for shelter when the storm broke abruptly.

One boat, carried 20 feet above the waterline, was smashed by the giant waves and minor damage was done to the upper deck.

The Snipe snapped her anchor when 100 knot winds struck her at one of the Falkland out-stations. She put to sea to ride out the storm and then returned to recover the anchor. A number of local residents were aboard at the time.

Both ships are now at Port Stanley.—United Press, Reuter and Associated Press.

Still Strong
Lord Woolton, speaking of the Falkland Islands and British Honduras, said in a speech at Leeds yesterday the "British people are still strong."

"The Argentine, Chile and Guatemala should remember this," said Lord Woolton, who is Chairman of the Conservative Party.

"The foreigners will make a profound mistake if they think that as a nation we have lost our pride, our valour, or that we will allow party differences to divide us as a nation in the face of any aggressor," Woolton said.

Digging
"British" Marines and blue-jackets from the cruiser Sheffield were digging in around Belize airport and the harbour today.

The Governor, Sir Edward Hawkesworth, told Reuter that all was calm and under control in the face of possible Guatemalan threats.

The defence ring around Belize is still thin, but everything is going on without a hitch under the command of Admiral Sir William Tennant.

Bren gun emplacements now rim the airfield and Tommy-guns patrol its perimeters.

Similar posts have been set up throughout Belize Harbour.

Sir William Tennant, commanding the forces guarding British Honduras against a possible Guatemalan attack, today sent a detachment of Marines to the Guatemalan border to "show the flag."

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'Purge' Warning In Czechoslovakia

Prague, Feb. 28. The Communist Premier, Klement Gottwald, today threatened a merciless war on "agents of domestic and foreign reaction" and said there were going to be "thorough-going" changes in Czechoslovakia.

Simultaneously the formation of a seven-man commission to purge all political parties of "reactionaries" was announced.

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formation told one inquirer the "Baltimore Sun" also was banned, but this later was denied. Sixteen more journalists have been expelled from the Czech Republic. Making it impossible for them to work, including the former Chief Editor of Obrana Lidu, the Czechoslovak Army newspaper, and the former Chief of the Press Section in the Food Ministry.

Vladimir A. Zorin, the Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister and former Ambassador to Prague, left by plane for Moscow today after a 10-day stay.

Police Parade
National Security Police and workers militia paraded through Prague. Heavily armed detachments of the police, mechanised and on foot, paraded throughout the streets to the cheers of waiting crowds.

Behind them marched 5,000 grim-faced factory militia in civilian clothes and carrying brand new rifles.

They had come from the Old Town Hall Square, where they had been told by the Communist Prime Minister, Klement Gottwald: "Our police and militia are proof of the profound democracy of our Republic. A State whose police protect the people but the people against capitalist subversive elements and whose police does not hesitate to use its weapons to protect the State that is a democracy of the people."

M. Vlasov, Czech Communist Minister of the Interior, said in a message to them: "We must not reduce our vigilance. By standing firmly on guard you will contribute to the consolidation of the alliance with Soviet Union and all our Slav allies."

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The Weather

General Situation: An intense but weakening anti-cyclone centred over Moscow, driving north-west and giving a wet, heavy rain from the east across the China sea.

A shallow depression is stationary over Hainan and Indo-China.

Forecast: Heavy rain, with occasional drizzle and squalls, over the South China Sea and Indo-China.

Temperature: 15.0 deg. C.

Humidity: 75 per cent.

Wind: 10 knots.

Sea: 1.5 metres.

Clouds: 100 per cent.

Visibility: 1000 metres.

Pressure: 1013.0 hPa.

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COMMUNIST SUCCESS Manchuria "As Good As Lost"

Europe's Plight

Lake Success, Feb. 29.
A UNO survey indicates that countries boycotting the Marshall Plan may face heavy economic penalties for their decision.

The 85-page report, titled "Foreign exchange position of the devastated countries," does not mention the Marshall Plan specifically but draws these conclusions:

1. Virtually all the war-damaged countries are threatened with serious economic retrogression unless they receive outside world aid on a large scale for several years.
2. The predominant volume of foreign financial aid since the end of the war has been extended by the United States.
3. Other potential sources of aid can be counted on to supply only a small part of the needs.

The general implication is that the Soviet bloc countries, by refusing to take part in the Marshall Plan, cut themselves off from virtually all major sources of aid.

This is all the more serious in the light of statistics in the United Nations report showing that each of the countries not participating in the Plan was faced with substantial foreign currency deficits at the end of 1947.—Associated Press.

France And Prague Coup

Paris, Feb. 28.
The "coup d'etat" in Prague has given the Soviet Union no diplomatic advantage, the French Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bidault, said tonight.

"It has only given it a strategic trump card," he declared. M. Bidault, who was speaking at a meeting of the National Committee of his party, the MRP (Popular Republicans) added, "This stifling action against a free democracy will aggravate the tension in the international situation but we must know how to keep calm in these grave circumstances."

M. Bidault added that the Popular Republicans would support the Schuman Government "until the achievement of its task."—Reuter.

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12.35 p.m.—A Variety Programme with Dinah Shore (Vocal).

1.00 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: Maurice Borman & His Stars of Melody.

1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report & Announcements.

1.25 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.

1.30 p.m.—The London Radio Orchestra.

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

6.00 p.m.—Studio: Hospital Request.

Half Hour, Presented by Ethel Holmes Brown.

6.50 p.m.—A Welsh Programme.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay: World and Home News.

7.15 p.m.—Studio: "I Like What I Like" Presented by Peter Leavitt.

7.45 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: "Group" by Maurice Hodge. A Comedy with Cyril Maude in his original part.

8.45 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: "The Songs for You."

9.00 p.m.—London Relay: News.

9.10 p.m.—Weather Report.

9.15 p.m.—Studio: Raymond Lul and His Hawaiian Band.

9.30 p.m.—English Company: Butlerworth.

9.45 p.m.—London Relay: "The Arts Today."

10.00 p.m.—London Relay: Radio News Reel.

10.15 p.m.—"Something for Everybody."

11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

Mukden An Isolated Island

Nanking, Feb. 29.
Communist Commander Gen. Lin Biao's victorious Red armies are fast rolling up the Nationalist salient in "Industrial power house" Manchuria.

Neutral observers were almost unanimous today regarding the government position in Manchuria "as good as lost." They believed that its loss will have not only far-reaching repercussions in China and the Far East but the whole world.

It is considered here as the greatest Red victory since the end of world war second. It adds one of the richest portions of the world's territories to the Soviet orbit. Its loss poses the most dangerous threat to Chiang Kai-shek's 22-year-long rule over the Chinese sub-continent because the Chinese saying goes "who controls Manchuria controls China."

The Communists, immediately following their Yinkow victory, today were reported to have captured Kaiyuan, another important Government bastion 70 miles north Mukden.

Large Communist forces are now massed between Hsinmin and Chinchow, establishing a strong roadblock against government efforts to retrieve the situation.

Mukden, the central hinge of the government salient, is now an isolated island, marooned in a tight 40 to 70 mile deep Communist ring. The salient itself, which at its peak stretches from Shanhai-kwan northwards to the south bank of the Sungari River and extending to Tungliao in the west and Tungchua in the east, is now constricted to a mere bridgehead running from Shanghaikwan to a little north of Chinchow.

Five Points
Beyond the bridgehead are the five beleaguered points, Mukden, Tieling, Szepingkai, Changchun and Kirin, separated from each other by an average 50 miles of Communist held territory.

Generalissimo Chiang is expected to make an eleventh hour effort to save his position in Manchuria but the feat is believed to be most difficult. Competent observers estimated that nothing short of 500,000 troops will be able to turn the tide against the Communists.

These observers doubt if Chiang Kai-shek can spare so many troops from China Proper where the situation is also critical.

One ray of hope exists in the ability to fly in supplies of food to the Mukden garrison. The manpower of the city's defenders—estimated as high as 100,000 by some sources—is expected to be sufficient to beat off the Reds if enough food and arms and ammunition can be flown in to augment the steadily dwindling stocks.

Planes are at present the only immediate chances of aid to the city as the capture of Yinkow, south of Mukden by the Reds, has cut off the sea route to bring in supplies as well as reinforcements.

Mukden's Chance
Dispatches hopefully pointed out that if the units moving along the Peiping-Mukden railway from Koupingtze are sufficiently strong they may be in a position to force the Reds to

PAPER BANNED
Berlin, Feb. 29.

The Soviet military administration today ordered the Russian-licensed afternoon newspaper "Berliner Am Mittag" to cease publication.

The paper has been one of the most violent critics of the United States, Britain and France, occupying Germany along with Russia.

The Soviet order, the first action of the kind in postwar Berlin, was to punish it for repeated violation of Allied press directives prohibiting malicious criticism of the occupying powers.—Associated Press.

NOT EXACTLY WANTED
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The National Resources Commission announced that Chinese gasoline production increased 130 per cent last year compared to 1945. The total production last year was 8,744,000 gallons. Production this year is expected to be doubled. The monthly output in January and February this year was 1,120,000 gallons.—United Press.

HAILE SELASSIE OBJECTS
Addis Ababa, Feb. 29.

Haile Selassie, Emperor of Abyssinia, commenting on the recent Soviet proposal of Italian trusteeship over the former Italian colonies, told Reuters today that Italy's return would amount to a ratification of the Italian aggressions.

He was unwilling to believe, he said, that the Soviet Government would advocate the reinstatement of Italy in the colonies which had served three times as bases for aggression.

The return of Italy would be an act of international injustice and a threat to the security of Abyssinia, one of the United Nations, the emperor declared.—Reuter.

Needles Bought Up By Gun-Runners
Hamburg, Feb. 29.

Attempts to buy millions of sewing machine needles—supposedly for secret arms manufacture in Germany—have started a Europe-wide hunt for the leaders of a highly organized international Black Market gang.

British police officials said that a search for the four leaders of the gang—which has links in the countries surrounding Germany—is being carried out in cooperation with American police authorities.

A British police officer at Muenster, said that unconfirmed reports from outside Germany suggested that the needles were required as firing pins in the illicit manufacture of rifles for gun-running to the world trouble spots.

The needles are small and valuable and selling them is an easy way to convert German marks into hard currency, the police officer said.

D.P.s Detained
The investigation began after police detained two groups of Hungarian and Polish displaced persons from the American zone who were trying to buy several million sewing machine needles in the Muenster area.

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The National Resources Commission announced that Chinese gasoline production increased 130 per cent last year compared to 1945. The total production last year was 8,744,000 gallons. Production this year is expected to be doubled. The monthly output in January and February this year was 1,120,000 gallons.—United Press.

HAILE SELASSIE OBJECTS

Addis Ababa, Feb. 29.
Haile Selassie, Emperor of Abyssinia, commenting on the recent Soviet proposal of Italian trusteeship over the former Italian colonies, told Reuters today that Italy's return would amount to a ratification of the Italian aggressions.

He was unwilling to believe, he said, that the Soviet Government would advocate the reinstatement of Italy in the colonies which had served three times as bases for aggression.

The return of Italy would be an act of international injustice and a threat to the security of Abyssinia, one of the United Nations, the emperor declared.—Reuter.

Mystery Men

But these are the small fry. Behind them are four very mysterious figures who seem able to fit about Europe freely. These are the men we are looking for.

These people, who are believed to be former Rumanian displaced persons, are very wealthy and seem to have much more freedom of movement than any British citizen.

They adopt one of several European nationalities when outside Germany, but once they come here they merge into the German scene, and become Germans in speech, appearance and habit. It is an ideal front for their operations.—Associated Press.

CHINA NEXT ON THE "RED LIST"

Nanking, Feb. 28.
The Nationalist defeats in Manchuria during the past week—Anshan, Hsiping, Penhsi, Faku and the simultaneous determined Communist assaults on Yinkow and Kaiyuan—are not propagandist stunts to impress on the United States the gravity of the situation in China, a well-informed foreign military observer in Nanking said tonight.

"This propaganda cry advanced by Government critics and anti-American leaders last October has been proved to be false. The grave situation now fully justifies the apprehension among Government leaders," the observer continued.

Though the Government has yet to make a direct request to the United States for military aid, it is clear from the Chinese press and an "unofficial" spokesman that the demand is imminent.

The events in Czechoslovakia this week, stealing the lead from the Korean crisis, have convinced Chinese officials in Nanking that China is next on the "Red List."

That the situation in Manchuria is most grave is not doubted.

Some of the finest American-trained and equipped units of the Chinese Army are at present embroiled in the biggest military debacle of the two-year civil war and history of the Far East.

One topnotch division, the New First Army, is held tightly in Changchun while other equally well-seasoned equipped units are isolated at Kirin, Szepingkai, Tieling and, more recently, Mukden.

Nationalist military spokesmen no longer speak of the seventh or eighth Communist offensive. It is beginning to end the Government's hold on Manchuria.

Doomed?
While Chinese military authorities are certain that these crack units can force their way out (should the Generalissimo give the order), foreign observers are equally certain that the Nationalist Army is doomed.

The coming few weeks will see the rise of another Communist regime, observers claim. But it will not be bloodless.

Inside the Great Wall, it is no longer possible to name the areas which are in Communist hands. It is easier to name a few strategic points and isolated cities—Peiping, Paoting, Tientsin, Tsingtao, Chefoo, Tsinan—which are held by the Government in North China.

Though the Government has claimed to have ejected the Communists from the Taipei Mountain (Central China), large rebel forces are converging from the south on the Peiping-Tientsin-Paoting triangle to consolidate the stranglehold on Manchuria.

Few Ships
Having few ships, observers claim the Communists' next objective is the Liaoning corridor to facilitate the transfer of supplies from the agriculturally and industrially rich North East province.

The Government, on the other hand, claim that the Communists will not attempt to attack the suppression zone under the control of invincible General Fu Tsi-yi.

The Communist spring offensive inside the Great Wall, it is expected, will coincide with General Fu's attempted relief of the Manchurian armies.

It is plain to everybody that the British-American evacuation orders were well-timed. "Old China hands" still aver that "things do not happen quickly in China," but even they have been proved wrong by the recent events in China.

With less than one per cent of Manchuria and about 10 per cent of North China only in Government's hands, even the soothsayers (the old China hands) will be proved wrong once more.

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RAID INTO SYRIA

Beirut, Feb. 29.
It was reported here today that Jewish bands invaded Syria from Palestine on Saturday night near the frontier town of Banias, raided 25 cows and then retired across the border.

Syrian army detachments were sent to the area.
Government sources said the invaders, whose number was not disclosed, apparently came from the Dan region where an Arab road blockade has shut off food supplies and caused a shortage.—United Press.

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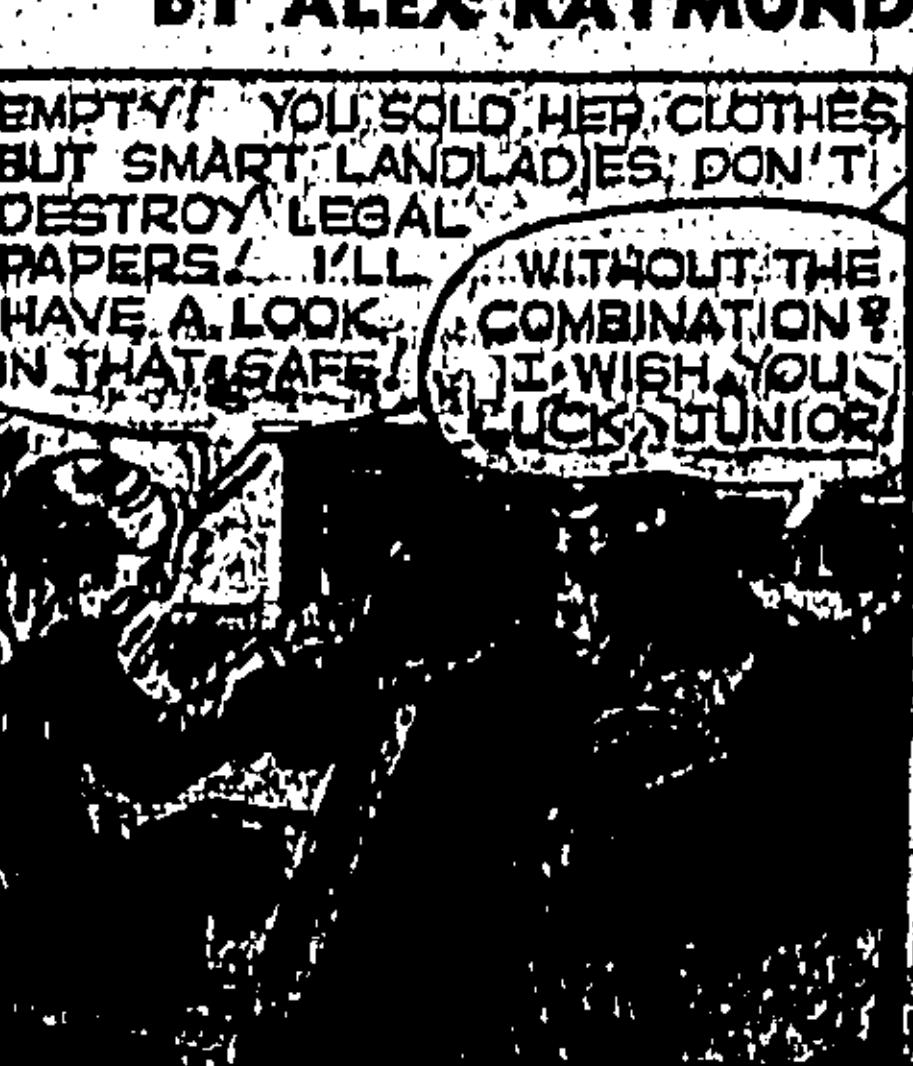
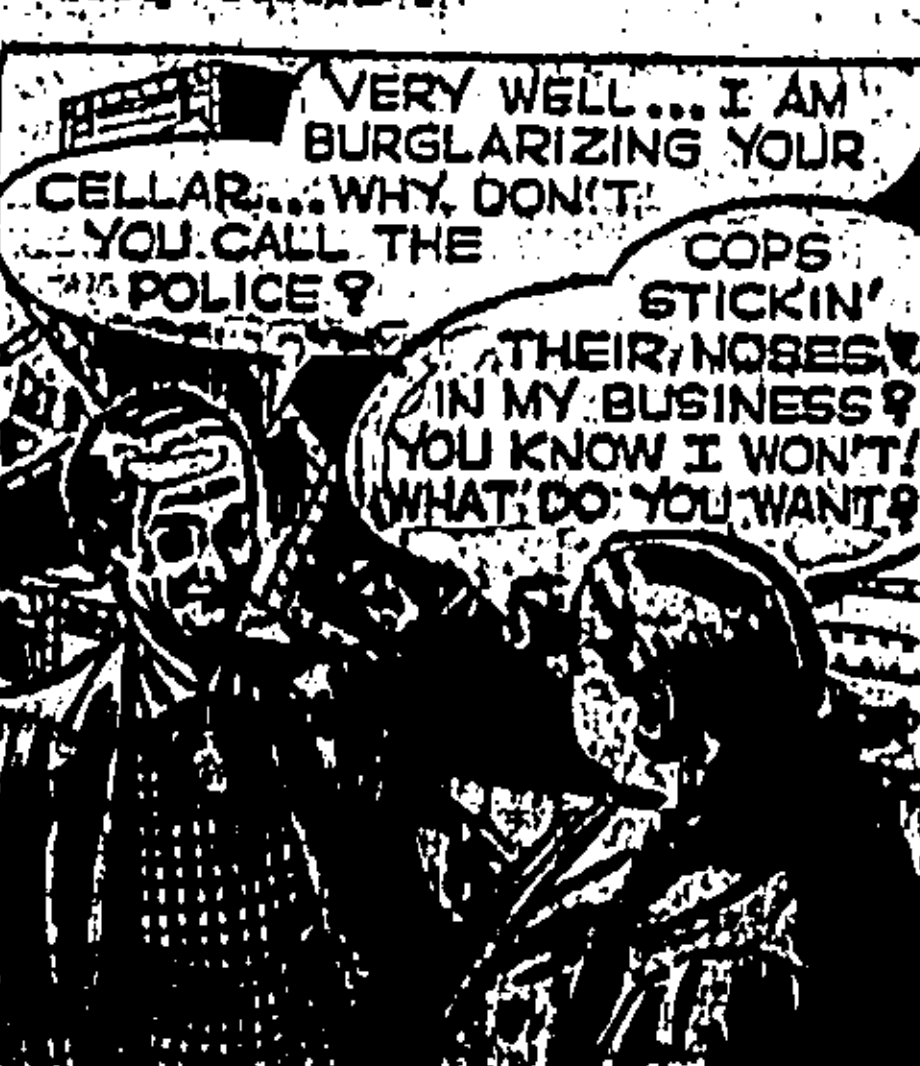
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Mr. Edmund Blunden will deliver two lectures, by the invitation of His Excellency the Governor, at Government House.

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SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE, HONG KONG

The Annual General Meeting of the above Society will be held on Wednesday, 17th March, 1948, in the Board Room of The Hong Kong Jockey Club, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, at 5.30 p.m.

The Agenda for the Meeting is as follows:

- (1) To receive the Accounts of the Society for the year 1947, together with the Report of the Committee for that year.
- (2) The election of Officers of the Society.
- (3) Arrangements for St. George's Day celebrations.
- (4) Any other business.

All Englishmen, whether members of the Society or not, are cordially invited to attend.

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HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, 1 Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, on Friday the 6th day of March, 1948, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving and considering the reports of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st December, 1947, and for the election of Directors and the appointment of Auditors.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Friday, the 20th February to Friday the 6th March, 1948 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board.

A. MORSE, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 6th Feb., 1948.

THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Forty-sixth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Members of this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd., on Wednesday, the 17th day of March, 1948, at Noon, to receive the Report of the Board of Directors and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1947, to elect Directors and to appoint Auditors.

Notice is also given that the Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 4th March, 1948, to the 17th March, 1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, Ho-z Kong, 20th Feb., 1948. C. E. TERRY, Manager & Secretary.

NOTICE

THE HONGKONG ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Owing to unforeseen circumstances the meeting is postponed to Tuesday, 9th March 1948 at 5.30 p.m. at the Y. W. C. A. Rutton Building, Duddell Street.

Agenda: — To receive reports and accounts for the past year.

To review and, if thought fit, to revise the constitution and policy of the Association.

To elect officers: T. P. WU, Hon. Secretary.

NOTICE

UNION WATERBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the thirty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., 3rd floor, Hong Kong Bank Building, on Friday, the 19th March, 1948, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1947.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 5th March, 1948 to the 19th March, 1948 both days inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD., General Managers.

25th February, 1948.

HONG KONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Company's Office on Friday, 6th March, 1948, at 5.30 p.m.

Business: Election of Officers and Committee for the ensuing year and any other matters.

Members are urged to attend this important meeting.

T. E. JACKSON, Chairman, Interim Committee.

ROYAL HONG KONG YACHT CLUB

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting will be held at the Club, Kellott Island, on MONDAY, 16th Mar., 1948, at 6 p.m.

Business: To approve the Revised Articles of Association of the Club.

F. S. COOTE, Hon. Secretary.

Note: A draft of the proposed Articles is being circulated to all Members.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Third Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 13th March, 1948 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 4th March, 1948.

By Order, S. A. SLEAP, Actg. Secretary.

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Peiping Death Sentence

Peiping, Feb. 29. A flurry was caused here by reports that Princess Yoshiko Kawashima, sentenced to death Oct. 22 on charges of espionage on behalf of Japan, was to be executed today.

Court authorities denied this but admitted the sentence might be carried out in the "near future."

Yoshiko, whose father, a late Manchurian prince, was cousin of Henry Pu Yi, was adopted as a child by an alleged member of Japan's notorious Black Dragon Society.

Soon after sentence she appealed to court to expedite the execution, saying she preferred this to dying of cold in her cell.—Associated Press.

Pu Yi's Property

Peiping, Feb. 29. Press reports said the Supreme Court at Nanking had ordered the Hopen High Court to investigate and sell Henry Pu Yi's properties in Peiping.

This will affect Mrs. Pu Yi and their two children, who are living in seclusion in Peiping.

Mrs. Pu Yi, since her arrival here from Manchuria, has refused to receive newsmen or take any other action likely to call public attention to her presence, feeling the result would be harmful.

When the Russians occupied Manchuria they took Henry prisoner but allowed his wife and children to find their way to Peiping, which they did in disguise.—Associated Press.

Finland Succumbing To Stalin

Helsinki, Feb. 28. All indications today were that Finland would obey the summons of Stalin and enter, reluctantly, into negotiations for a mutual defence pact with the Soviet Union.

The text of Marshal Stalin's letter proposing the Soviet-Finnish treaty of friendship and mutual assistance, was broadcast tonight by Moscow radio.

The letter said: "Wishing to create conditions for a radical improvement of the relations between our two countries with a view to consolidating peace and security, the Soviet Government proposes the conclusion of a Soviet-Finnish treaty of friendship, co-operation, and mutual assistance analogous to the Hungarian-Soviet and Rumanian-Soviet treaties."

"If there is no objection on the part of Finland I would suggest that a Finnish delegation be sent to the Soviet Union for the conclusion of such a treaty."

"If you consider it more convenient that the negotiations for the conclusion of the treaty should take place in Finland the Soviet Government will be prepared to send its delegation to Helsinki. With deep respect Chairman of Council of Ministers of the Soviet Union, Stalin."

The decisions of the National Front will be binding on all, including all political parties, it added.

The Committee, stating that it was "absolutely necessary to purge the political parties of the enemies of popular democracy," said: "Only purged and purified political parties can exercise influence on public life." — Associated Press and Reuter.

Farmers Rally

Prague, Feb. 29. M. Klement Gottwald, the Communist Premier of Czechoslovakia, told a mass rally of 100,000 farmers and peasants here today that the splitting up of all Czechoslovak estates of over 50 hectares (about 125 acres) would be at once so "the land will be the property of those who till it."

The Premier warned the crowd, massed in St. Wenceslas Square, against "whisperers" who said the Government wished to introduce collective farms.

"In future, when someone whispers something like this to you, chase him out of the village," he urged.

After M. Gottwald's speech, there were tremendous cheers, followed immediately by equally loud applause for President Benes.

General Ludvig Svoboda, non-party Defence Minister, spoke after the Premier to make the point "We are re-organizing the land to the benefit of the people and the State."

He ended his speech by saying: "We are re-organizing the land to the benefit of the people and the State."

The Swedish People's Party in Finland decided today that the Soviet proposal "cannot be opposed."

Social Democrats were described as "hesitant but inclined to accept" while the People's Democrats were strongly in favour of acceptance.

The Conservatives and Liberals were reported to be undecided.

In Parliament, the People's Democrats (a union of the Communists and extreme Left-wing Social Democrats) hold 49 seats, the Social Democrats 50, the Farmers Party 49, the Conservatives 28, the Liberals 19, the Swedish People's Party 14.

The Parliamentary groups of all parties will meet on Tuesday to give their formal final decisions.

Before the news of Marshal Stalin's proposal was made known, all the parties, except the People's Democrats, advocated "Finland following a neutral line in big power politics, with friendship for Russia but pacts with nobody."

"The change in attitude, according to political circles, is due first to their realistic reaction to any request from Stalin and, secondly, to the fact that Russia is Finland's only food supplier this year."

"As Finland is not self-sufficient in food, the country faces hunger if Russia cuts off supplies," Reuter.

Two Die In Riot In Accra

Accra, Feb. 28. Two persons were killed and 23 injured when demonstrators clashed with the police today outside the Governor's residence here.

A number of African ex-servicemen were marching to petition the Governor, who had consented to receive them, on a number of grievances, including unemployment and the imprisonment of African servicemen court-martialled in Burma.

Stones were thrown, the police used tear gas and shots were fired. In the rioting which followed, Europeans were attacked, vehicles damaged and shops looted.

The situation was stated to be in hand later tonight.—Reuter.

Fighting: Out Of The Ring

Belfast, Feb. 29. Fight promoter Bob Gardiner laughed off "Sad Sam" Ichinose's attempt to block his world title fight.

Gardiner has signed up Northern Ireland's Rinty Monaghan and Scotland's Jackie Paterson for a championship flyweight bout in Belfast on March 23.

"Sad Sam," Manager of Hawaii's Dado Marino (who was beaten by Monaghan in London last summer), cabled the Scottish promoter, Charlie Black, asking him to seek an injunction against the Belfast fight.

Ichinose contends that the contract he made with Black for a world title fight between Marino and Paterson on July 16 last year was not fulfilled.—Associated Press.

Boxer's Death

Chicago, Feb. 28. Mike Spinnelli of New York, manager of boxer Sam Baroudi (who died after a prize fight last week) was taken into custody today on the order of the Assistant State's attorney. His lawyer promptly charged Spinnelli was being made the "scapegoat."

Spinnelli was released two hours later. He promised to return for the next session of the inquest.

The State's Attorney's Office contacted three members of the Illinois Boxing Commission to determine whether they wanted to do but none would sign a complaint.

"Spinnelli testified at the inquest that Baroudi never told him he was under age or that he should not be fighting. He said Baroudi had fought for other managers before."

Ezzard Charles, Baroudi's opponent in the fatal bout, is scheduled to appear in court today on charges of technical manslaughter lodged after Baroudi's death.—United Press.

New York, Feb. 29. Sir Zafarullah Khan, the Pakistan spokesman in the Security Council, has not left today for London to talk with the Pakistan High Commissioner there.

It is understood he will return to see Success in about one week's time for the resumed Kashmir debate.—Reuter.

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WHY AMERICAN TROOPS DID NOT LIBERATE PRAGUE

SOVIET TWISTING OF THE FACTS

Washington, Feb. 29.

The American Government may publish secret documents revealing that it was at Russia's request that American troops failed to aid in the liberation of Prague. Communists in Czechoslovakia have pointed out that when Prague was in the throes of liberation in May, 1945, United States troops, then only 50 miles away, did not come to the aid of the capital.

The Czechs regard the Russians as their liberators and the secrecy about the alleged arrangements has meant that no answer was given to the charge that American troops failed to give any real help in the fighting.

Responsible diplomatic quarters argue that this charge is a diplomatic twist of the facts and that it has prompted the U.S. State and War Departments to consider ripping the "secrecy" labels off the files.

The documents would add another chapter to the story of how the Kremlin has been able to achieve a dominant position in postwar Eastern Europe.

The documents—it was authoritatively learned—would show:

1. That a Soviet High Command request from Moscow to General Eisenhower was the immediate reason for the failure of American troops to help to free Prague in May, 1945.
2. That the withdrawal of Soviet and American armies from Czechoslovakia in late 1945 came after

President Truman asked Stalin to approve such a step.

3. That the United States went to extremes to prove that American troops would not rush into areas which the Russians wanted to occupy.

The Facts

According to the American Government view, what happened was this—

"The liberation of Prague and all request from Moscow to General Eisenhower was the immediate reason for the failure of American troops to help to free Prague in May, 1945.

2. That the withdrawal of Soviet and American armies from Czechoslovakia in late 1945 came after

On the morning of May 5, General Antonov, Soviet Army Chief of Staff sent a message to SHAPE (Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary

Generals Ask For Conscription

San Francisco, Feb. 28.

Radio Australia said today that 13 high-ranking Australian generals have recommended to the Australian Government that universal military training be adopted immediately. A letter to the Army Minister said:

"Neither atomic nor bacterial bombs nor rocket bombs or any other development can eliminate the necessity for a trained army to fight for and hold territory."—United Press.

Forces, saying the Russians were informed that the American Army had reached a line running North and South through Pilsen, Western Czechoslovakia.

Antonov said that the Soviet High Command requested that the American forces should stop there. Pilsen is about 40 miles inside Czechoslovakia from the German frontier and about 50 miles from Prague.

That afternoon General Omar Bradley, commander of the American 12th Army Group ordered his forces to stop on the Pilsen line.

Russian Claim

At one time the American Army was prepared to occupy all Czechoslovakia but the immediate postwar occupation, except for the western tip, was handed by the Russians.

The arrangement gave the Russians a primary claim to being the liberators of Czechoslovakia. They were part of the American policy of reassuring Moscow that the Western powers fully recognised Russia's right to friendly governments in Eastern Europe.—Associated Press.

Surprise Move In Corfu Debate

The Hague, Feb. 29.

Sir Hartley Shawcross, the British Attorney General, made a surprising move in the Anglo-Albanian Corfu Channel dispute on Saturday by asking the International Court of Justice: "Why should we not start with the invitation that this matter be submitted to voluntary jurisdiction?"

"We (Britain and Albania) give much lip service to the high qualities of this court," Sir Hartley said, and he hoped these were not only words but that both parties would agree to submit freely to the court's jurisdiction.

He argued that if the Albanian Government would accept this suggestion the court would be able to proceed to the actual case next week.

Saturday was the third day of the hearings. The Albanian agent had rejected the court's jurisdiction since the application to have the case put to the court had been made unilaterally by Britain.

Shawcross argued that the Albanian Consul, Professor Vochoc showed that the Tirana Government really desired investigation of the incidents in which 44 British sailors lost their lives.

Vochoc concluded on Saturday his summing up of Albanian objection to Britain's unilateral application to the Court.

The British Attorney General said that the Albanian

objections rose from "prestige, those false feelings which have done so much harm in the past."

"Prestige"

He suggested that the Albanian Government submit to a voluntary investigation since it thought that "prestige" was at stake under compulsory jurisdiction.

Considering the Albanian objection, Shawcross said he deplored that international laws so far could not force parties to submit to a compulsory investigation as the British Government inferred from the Security Council's recommendation.

Therefore he requested the Court not to go into academic considerations on the nature of the application but to take up the actual case.

According to Sir Hartley, the British application was in conformity with the spirit of the Security Council's resolution of April 1947.—Associated Press.

Resolution Against Segregation

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 28.

A group of southern Americans, white and Negro, have passed a resolution against segregation in education and against regional schools, proposed by southern Governors.

The resolution came out of a series of four "bi-racial workshops" on civil rights, sponsored by the Southern Regional Council and 11 other civic and religious groups.

In opposing the regional plan for schools, the resolution said that the proposal "is designed to perpetuate the present pattern of segregation."

A group of southern Governors had suggested the pooling of resources to provide Negro education on a professional and graduate school level.

The Southern Regional Council is composed of business men, church and labour leaders, educators and journalists, devoted to working out the southern problems in the field of human relations.

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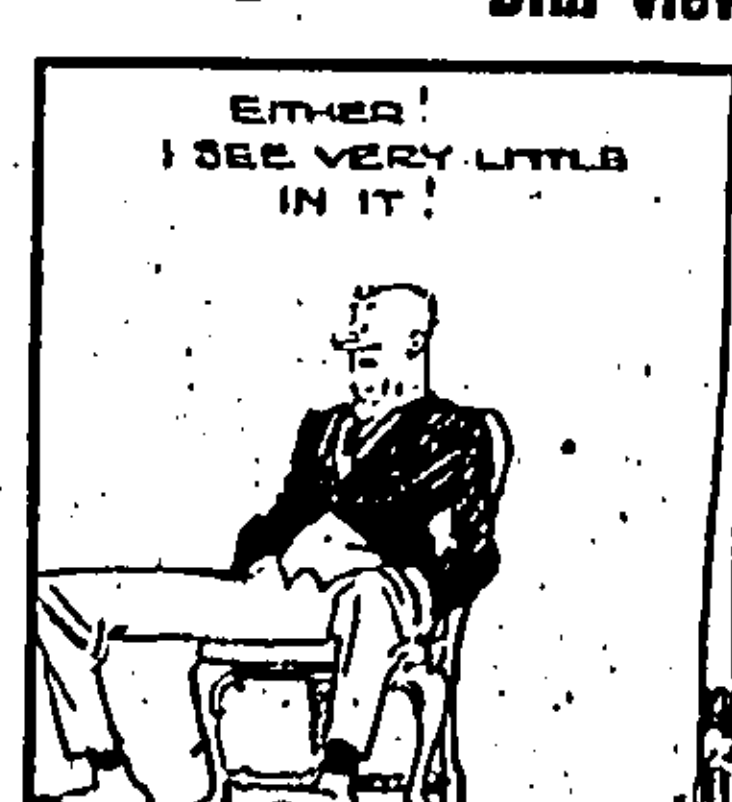
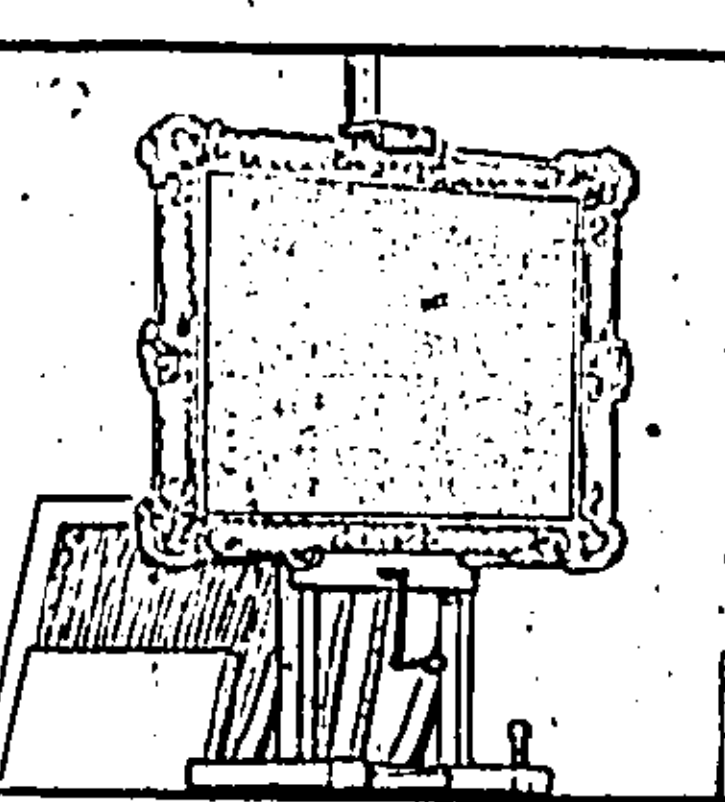
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MARRIAGE

HOPKINS-REA—The engagement and forthcoming marriage is announced between Henry Felton Hopkins and Betty Louise Rea.

SENSE AND

When James C. Petrillo says American musicians will never make another record—never—he is talking through his hat. Records will be made again, and Mr. Petrillo's musicians will make them.

But Mr. Petrillo's ban on recordings as a piece of bargaining leverage—which is what it is—makes more sense. It makes a lot more sense than his old tactics of boycotting high school bands and music school orchestras, and there are signs that he knows it.

For the musicians face the cold fact of technological displacement, and no matter how euphonious the adjective you couple it with, unemployment has a nasty sound. The musicians are reacting understandably when they demand that their organization slow down the process to give time to make at least personal adjustments. Mr. Petrillo's recording holiday has some justification if it persuades the industries it hits to approach the problem with something like the sense of social responsibility displayed by the telephone industry. Dial phones were put in place of manual operators only as fast as the normal turnover of personnel created vacancies.

Society will be the poorer all around if Mr. Petrillo is thinking no farther than featherbedding and the industry no farther than how to beat Petrillo and make profits. The United States needs to listen to more and better music. It needs even more to develop the creative side of music—to make it possible for greater numbers of those so gifted to compose, to sing, or to play as life careers.

Seldom has a sector of industry and labour been confronted with so clear a challenge for constructive statesmanship within its field.

Colourful Issue

During and since the war, some thousands of American housewives made an interesting discovery. It is that margarine now made largely from vegetable oils is practically indistinguishable in taste from butter but is distinguishable from it in price by 40 or 50 U.S. cents a pound.

Another distinction is that in 23 of the 48 states the sale of coloured margarine is prohibited, while in the remainder it must pay a Federal tax of 10 cents a pound if it is coloured yellow to resemble butter.

This matter of colour seems to be the crux of the issue. The dairy interests claim that the yellow colour of butter is equivalent to a trade-mark. They argue that to prevent imitation is to protect the customer.

The need for such protection is reduced by two factors: (a) Even dairymen concede that margarine is a nourishing food in its own right. (b) Almost anyone can tell the letters m-a-r-g-a-r-i-n-e from the letters b-u-t-t-e-r on the package.

A notable irony in the colour argument is that margarine is naturally yellow if made partly of soybean or palm oil, and must be bleached to conform with laws which require an "uncoloured" product. On the other hand, butter requires artificial colouring about eight months of the year to equal the natural colour imparted by summer grass.

Thus the margarine manufacturers—and consumers—could logically ask for the sale of a yellow spread as "natural" margarine instead of calling it "coloured," and might even suggest that creameries be required to

One hundred years ago some 330 sturdy Scottish settlers were on the high seas in two small ships on their way to found one of the world's most southerly settlements in a country almost unknown and totally undeveloped. In the next few months their memory will be honoured in a series of celebrations in what is today one of the most prosperous corners of the British Commonwealth.

The settlers sailed from Greenock toward the end of 1847 in the ships John Wickliffe and Philip Laing for New Zealand which only seven years before had become a British possession. They founded the province of Otago and the city of Dunedin in the far south of New Zealand where centennial celebrations will be held extending over the next three months. The venture must surely rank as one of the most successful of all Scottish colonising efforts. Dunedin quickly became one of the main commercial and financial centres of the new colony.

Led by a Burns

Leading the Scottish contingent was Rev. Thomas Burns, kinsman of the poet, and a Captain Cargill, Burns founded the first Presbyterian Church in Dunedin and Captain Cargill started his community at Invercargill where, to this day, braids Scots is spoken.

Rev. Thomas Burns was minister at Monkton, Ayrshire, but came out at the Disruption. His followers built a church for him at Prestwick. It stands to this day as Prestwick North Church with a stained glass window to his memory.

It established pre-eminence as a cultural and educational headquarters and has retained this fine tradition ever since. The wide grasslands of Otago were soon producing a rich annual output of farming products.

Through the years, Dunedin and the province of Otago as a whole have retained their Scottish character. Just as in other parts of New Zealand the claim to be "more English than the English," so, in Otago, they might be said to be "more Scottish than the Scots." Scottish occasions are celebrated with fervent enthusiasm each year and people still talk of Scotland as home.

It had been hoped that a large number of Scottish visitors would be present at the centennial celebrations, but the shortage of passenger shipping accommodation makes this impossible.

The Church of Scotland is to be represented at the celebrations by Very Rev. John Ballie, D.D., Professor at New College, Edinburgh, and Sir John Falconer, ex-Lord Provost of Edinburgh, after which Dunedin was named, will represent Edinburgh.

Decorations of bunting, centennial shields, and welcoming archways have already been erected and lavish illuminations create a carnival air in the main streets, which are named after their counterparts in Edinburgh. There will be a carnival week in February with a great fireworks display and processions.

Special Stamp Issue

On March 23, the date of the arrival of the first ship, the John Wickliffe, the landing of the first settlers will be re-enacted and a wide search is being made for Scottish costume of 100 years ago for those taking part. All the main sporting bodies will be holding their annual tournaments in Dunedin in honour of the occasion and thousands of visitors are expected from all part of the Dominion.

The New Zealand Government are issuing a set of four commemorative stamps to mark the centennial. Three of them show scenes of buildings in present-day Otago and the fourth the arrival of the first two ships from Scotland.

mark butter "artificial colour added" when that is the fact.

The attempt to claim exclusive use of one of the three primary colours as a trade-mark is a little strong.

The discriminations against margarine constitute probably the most egregious example in the United States of an effort to raise trade barriers against a legitimate product in the world's largest free-trade area.

Congress and a number of state legislatures—when their attention is called to the subject, as it will be by increased numbers of margarine users—may conclude in the near future that the dairy farmers' lobby has gone beyond territorial limits in assuming the right to a home-ruled claim on a segment of the rainbow.

New Zealand Celebrates Its Centenary

100 Years Ago

(From the files of the "China Mail")

We have had the following communication sent to us. The writer does not seem to have been one who has for any length of time attended the ministrations at the Colonial Church, for many times and oft have we heard prayers made for the Governor and the Members of his Council.

"I am informed that a prayer for the Governor and the Members of the Council was introduced yesterday for the first time into the liturgy at St. John's Cathedral. We hope the new Members are meant, as everybody knows that the old are long past praying for."

Among other things to which gunpowder is to be applied, we now learn from Europe that Count de Verdunsky has patented a locomotive which is to be worked with entire freedom from explosion by lighting small portions of this substance underneath the piston in his cylinder.

Gunpowder dissolved in an alkali has been shown to have the property of precipitating metals from their solutions; and by floating over glass plates solutions of silver, or mercury, to which the gun-cotton solution has been added, mirrors of a very fine description are, in this way, readily manufactured.

Truly, we live in a wonderful age! Mr. Blanchard and M. Carbonnel propose by artificial means to produce a marvellous increase in oysters, and MM. Gehin and Remy are replenishing by similar means the exhausted rivers of St. Die with trout, "of which the external and internal appearance in no respect differs from that of trout which have grown in our rivers in an ordinary way."

The most popular exhibition in London—Princess Elizabeth's wedding presents at St. James' Palace—ended tonight. Never before has any show proved such a big draw. For three months an average of 3,500 people queued daily.

Motor coach parties from the country have arrived at 6 o'clock in the mornings and waited for hours for the exhibition to open. The average time of waiting in the giant queues, which every day have stretched round into the Mall, has been from two to four hours.

The most popular exhibits were (1) Princess Elizabeth's wedding dress, (2) jewels, and (3) the kitchen and labour saving equipment.

The first in the queue today was a young girl who had travelled from the North of England. She took her place outside the Palace at 8 p.m. Friday and instructions were given to the watchmen to see that she was given a cup of tea during the night.

Some 200,000 people have visited the exhibition and it is estimated that takings amount to over £10,000.

The wedding dress is to be on view for a time at Holyrood House, Edinburgh, and later at Cardiff and Belfast. Much of the jewellery will go to the Royal Jewellers for safe-keeping and Princess Elizabeth will then begin the task of sorting the remainder of the gifts.

Reuter.

Bishop Hoped For Intervention

Prague, Feb. 28. Bishop Volisav Nastic, charged with collaboration during the occupation and with "hampering the authorities in apprehending bandits," confessed to a Sarajevo court that he "expected intervention by foreign states," the official Yugoslav News Agency reported today.

The reports said the Bishop "confessed he preached there was need of a change in the present situation in the country and about the arrival of foreign interventionists.... defendant Nastic held a meeting in his home with an Englishman and an American in 1945.

During the war, "my ultimate goal was to put an end to the struggle waged by partisans against the Ustashi and Chetniks," he was quoted as telling the court.—United Press.

Commerce Is Built On The Coolie

By ROBERT BURTON

Shanghai, Feb. 28.

Like millions of ants building an ant hill, one grain of earth at a time, commerce in China still builds itself by the efforts of millions of undernourished, ill-clad coolies, each carrying something on his back.

There are machines in all the commercial centers of China but most of the work falls to the coolie. As you walk along Shanghai's miles of waterfront, you see them swarming over the docks and boats carrying everything from crates of Formosan oranges to enormous drums of American oil on their backs. They sing out a quavering chant with every effort, a quick step to maintain a rhythm in their labour, a labour that piece by piece, quite literally moves the equivalent of mountains.

One runt-sized coolie can carry an amazing load. One man will shuffle along, hardly lifting his feet from the ground as he moves so as to conserve energy, with a 150-pound oil drum on his back. He will chant particularly loudly and steadily because the load is particularly heavy.

Great rolls of newspaper weighing 500 pounds will be slung on bamboo poles and moved several blocks by four sweating, chanting coolies who, having delivered it, turn back for another roll.

They swarm, many of them laughing, over thousands of big and little vessels that put into Shanghai and ply between almost all of China's ports. Most of the boats are junkies, cleverly fitted together of wood and with no mechanical means of loading and unloading cargoes. These boats make up a vast part of China's shipping, and behind them all is an anonymous army of dirty, badly paid coolies.

During the Japanese invasion entire industrial plants, complete power houses and all the government's files actually moved from the capital to the interior largely on the backs of coolies. Early by port they were dismantled and carried to river boats for transport part of the way. When boats were not available, they were carried by coolies hundreds and in some cases, thousands of miles over the rugged countryside.

China's Sorrow

To control the flow of the mighty Yellow River (often called China's Sorrow by the Chinese because of its destructive power) after the war thousands of straining coolies working feverishly to beat the floods, carried two baskets of dirt at a time each and built a huge dam.

And yet, the labour value of

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By SHEPARD BARCLAY

"THE AUTHORITY ON AUTHORITIES"

NOT A CARELESS PLAY

You don't often see a fine cardman make a careless play. So when he does something that appears like one, it is a good idea to pause and gather your wits. Suppose he was trying deliberately to make it seem as if he had become aliphoid for the moment. Why would he do that? What was he trying to make 'you' think? Therefore what was he trying to get you to do? Reflection on these questions may give you the right answer, enabling you to figure out what he doesn't want you to do.

S. 8 2
H. K. 8
D. 7 4 2
C. 9 6 4 2

S. K. H. A. J. 10 7
6 5 4 3
D. 6 5 4
C. J. 8

S. 7 5 4
H. 9 2
D. 10 8
C. K. Q. 10
S. 7 5 3
H. A. Q. J. 10 9 3
D. Q. 4
C. A. Q. J. 9

(Dealer: West. Both sides vulnerable.)

West North East South
W 4 Pass Pass 4 H
Dbl 4 NT Pass 6 S

South's 4-Heart call was of course a cue bid to tell North he had enough strength in his own hand for the side to make a game in some other suit or suit. West's double was a punishment North's 4-Heart. It was not Blackwood or anything like it, but merely what he thought was the best way to show a heart stopper, so that perhaps the side might well land in No Trumps. After that, South could see only one possible loser in hearts and one in spades. He reckoned that the spade loser could be prevented by a finesse, as the card was probably with East since West had opened with a weak suit. He shut out of three.

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"There you are, madam—you see how easy the machine is on even your finest fabrics!"

Whiplash Across China's Back

A single, snaky 1,000-mile battle-front in the civil war is seen emerging as the Chinese Communists race to seize their uncaptured Manchurian and Yangtze Valley campaigns.

The Reds appear to aim at joining the two current major

By

JOE S. JACOB

fronts—relatively distinct—in a sinuous line, resembling a whiplash laid across China's bare bleeding back.

If the Communists succeed, this line will extend from isolated Changchun in the north through the crumbling corridor south to Mukden and Fuping Province. It would then become a less sharply defined, tapering off to the east to pick

up the threads of the Shantung guerrilla fighting, and to the west, through both Shanxi and Shanxi Provinces to thrust down to the Tapieshan mountain range, and thus link up with the northwest anchor of the Yangtze Valley arc, ending in the Kiukiang area.

If this actually represents the Reds' grand strategy, observers believe that an overall coordinated campaign will commence this spring to elicit North China into several Nationalist pockets.

But it is emphasized that Communist fighting tactics so far have been to avoid well-defined "lines" and to concentrate on guerrilla campaigns, harassing raids on supply centres and strategic villages, and "hit and run" attrition.

Prerequisites for implementing the possible new grand strategy, observers point out, would be the capture by the Reds of at least Changchun, Mukden, Paoing and Sian—the latter now out of the main theatre of operations—and the vigorous stepping up of guerrilla activity in Shantung and Shanxi and civilian agitation in the large Yangtze Valley cities.

Factors

The success of this plan might possibly lead to the downfall of the Nationalist regime of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. However, the following factors should be taken into account, greatly aiding the Nationalist cause:

(1) Imminent American aid and its material and moral "shot in the arm" effect.

(2) Partial success by the Reds—for instance, the total seizure of Manchuria—would "shorten the lines" of Government forces, giving them the advantage of a smoother inner-line defence system.

(3) It will take a considerable period of time for the Reds to exploit Manchuria's industrial potential, pending which they can hope for no mechanized striking power comparable with the Nationalists.

(4) Under Dr. T. V. Soong in Kwangtung Province, the Kuomintang hopes to rally South China more firmly about its standard, extracting heavier contributions to the war effort.

(5) Should the situation become critical, observers feel that the U.S. Government, with an aroused public opinion behind it, will abandon its "wait and see" stand and furnish outright military aid, as in Greece and Turkey.

(6) The effects of the United States training programme for Chinese troops, now being carried out by the Army Advisory Group in Taiwan, will begin to be felt shortly after spring when fresh soldiers are flung into combat to bolster the North China and South Manchuria garrisons.

(7) A possible worsening of the situation may react upon the presently apathetic masses in favour of the Government if the civil war lingers unchecked toward the Yangtze Valley.—United Press.

Tomorrow's Problem

S. 9 2
H. J. 10 8
D. K. 10 9 7 6
C. 6

S. 8 5
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D. Q. 5 3
C. 8 7 5

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H. J. 4
D. Q. 4 3
C. A. Q. 9

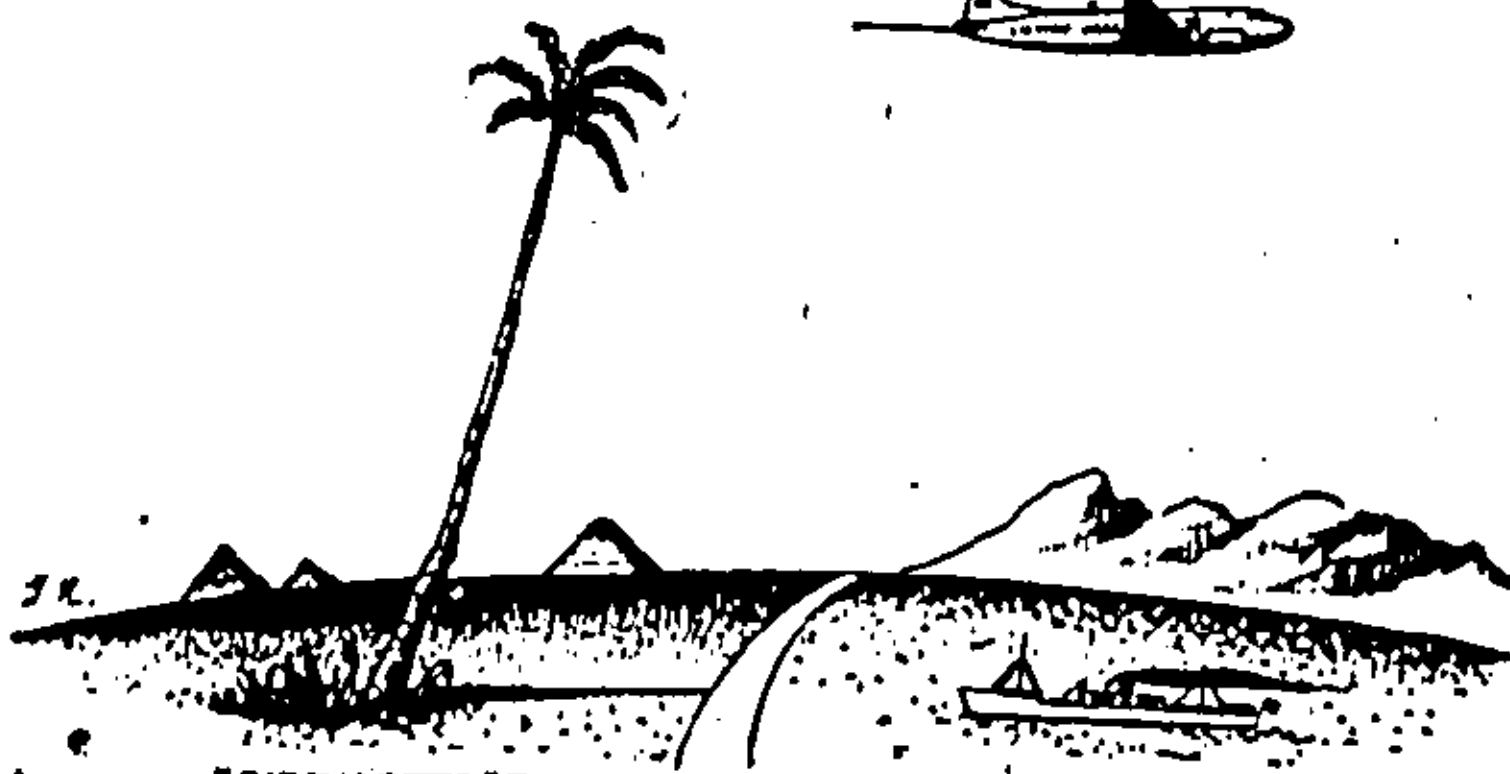
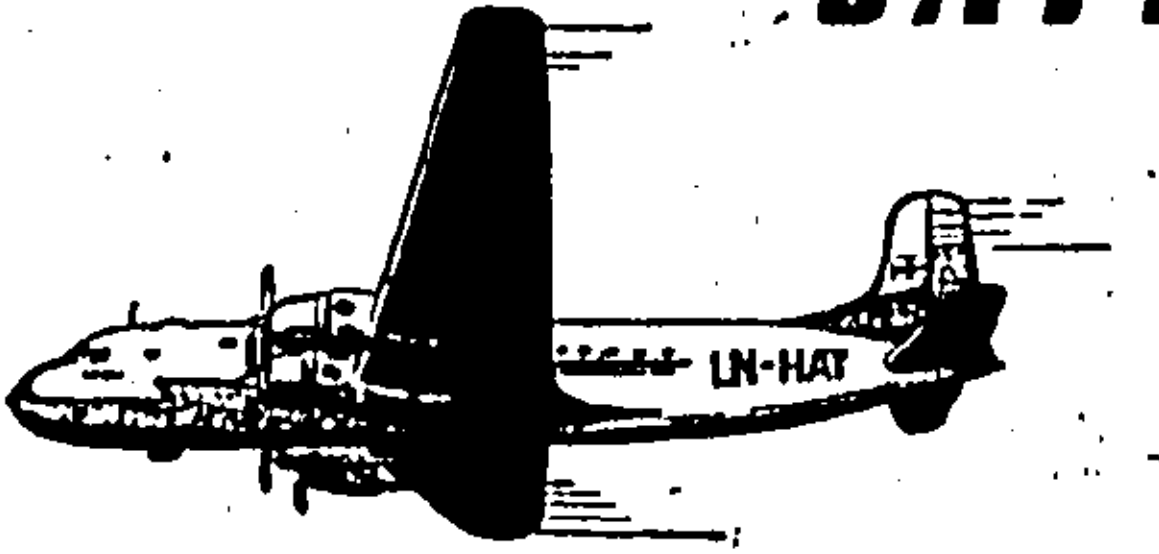
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H. 3 2
D. K. 10
C. A. 10 2

(Dealer: East. North-South vulnerable.)

After the defenders take the club A, spade K and A, heart A and Q and return the club Q against South's doubled 3-Spades, how can he get the rest?

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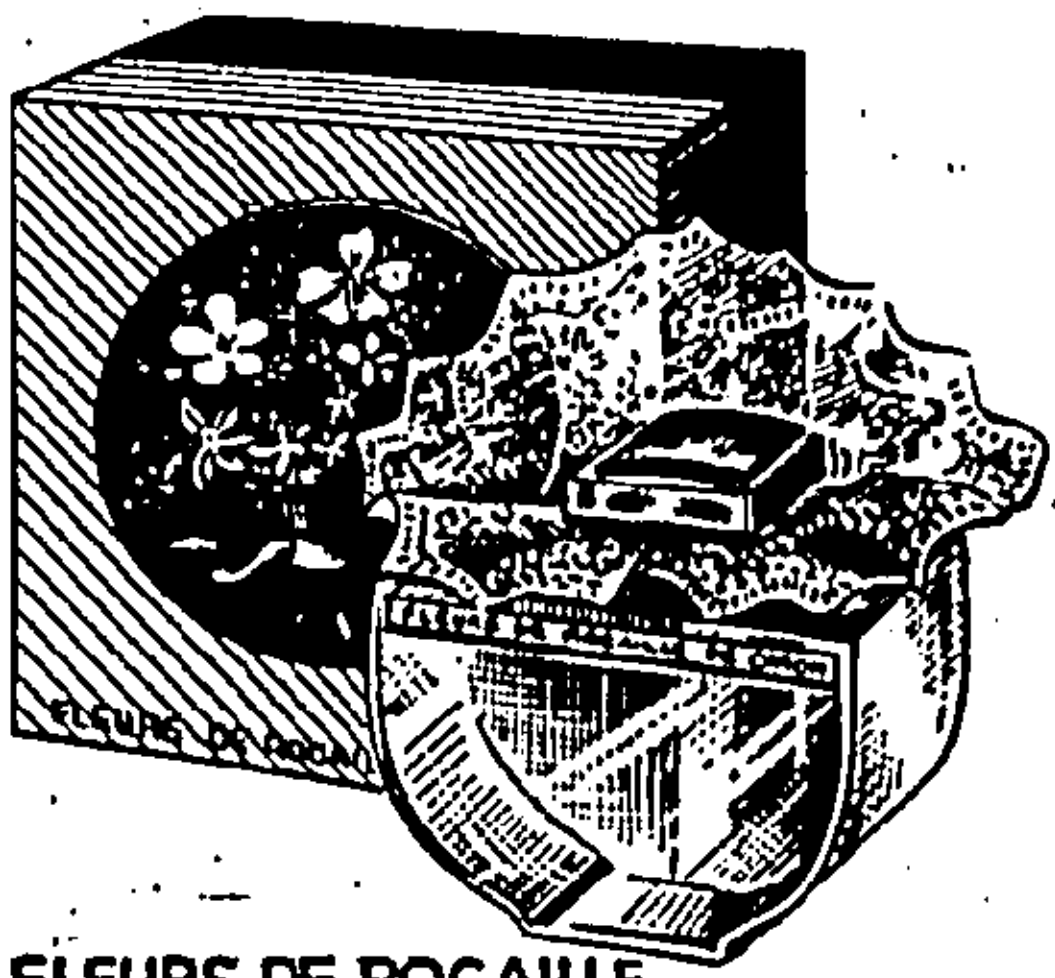
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BRITISH 'WARNING' TO UNO Palestine Commission Responsible For Government After May 15 Press Criticism Of U.S. Attitude

Lake Success, Feb. 28.

The British Government has formally notified the United Nations Palestine Commission that from May 15 it will be recognised by Britain as the Government of Palestine. The British memorandum to the Palestine Commission on the legal meaning of the termination of the mandate, said:

"Palestine today is a legal entity but it is not a sovereign state. Palestine is a territory administered under the mandate by the British Government, which is entirely responsible both for its internal administration and for its foreign affairs."

The British memorandum said that when the mandate ends on May 15, Palestine would continue to be a legal entity but would still not be a sovereign state because "it will not immediately be self-governing."

"The authority responsible for its administration will, however, have changed," the memorandum continued.

"Where the sovereignty of Palestine lies at present is disputed, and perhaps an academic legal question about which writers have expressed a number of different conclusions."

"Where the sovereignty of Palestine will lie after May 1, 1948 (the day the Palestine Commission will be allowed to enter Palestine) is perhaps also a question on which different views will be held, but so far as the British Government is aware, it is a question which it is not necessary to answer in connection with any practical issues."

"After May 15, the United Nations Commission will be the Government of Palestine. It does not seem very material whether it is considered to be a de facto or de jure Government."

The Security Council has adjourned its discussion of the Palestine question until next Tuesday, when it will resume under the presidency of Dr. T. T. Tsiang of China.—Reuter.

America Criticised

London, Feb. 29.

Criticism of the American attitude to Palestine partition in the past was coupled in the Conservative "Yorkshire Post" on Saturday with a suggestion that the question of enforcing partition should be waived in favour of a scheme for keeping the peace.

America "looked on, gave advice and handed out the blame" while Britain's warnings that a partition scheme unbacked by an international force would lead to trouble were ignored last November, said the "Post," describing the U.S. proposals to the Security

Council last week as "reflecting American embarrassment." "Does the American delegate's statement that any steps taken must be directed to keeping the peace and not enforcing partition, mean that the United States would be willing to contribute to a force designed to maintain order while the question of partition is waived for the time being?"

More Important

"If so, the idea deserves warm support. It is more important to keep the peace in Palestine than to set up a cut and dried scheme that will be bitterly opposed either by Jews or Arabs or by both."

"Once an international force is in charge in Palestine, an interim regime can be established out of which a more permanent administration may grow."

"But, whatever happens, it is something that the Americans have realised that they cannot wash their hands of Palestine and that no settlement is possible without the use of force."—Associated Press.

U.S. FAILURE TO AID CHINA CRITICISE

Washington, Feb. 28.

Senator Styles Bridges, New Hampshire Republican, blasted the Administration on Saturday night for what he described as "reluctant" and "superficial efforts to extend military aid to China."

The Senator made his statements in commenting on an Administration report that a once-suspended agreement to supply China with 1,000 aeroplanes is now being carried out.

A letter from Secretary of Air Supply to Secretary of State Marshall said at least 936 planes already have been transferred to Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist Government for battling Communists.

"Information available to me indicated that a total of only

633 planes have been delivered to China by the United States since V-J Day and that of that number 168 could not be used because of lack of equipment, and 197 of the total are transport craft," Bridges declared in a statement.

"This is a completely different picture from that which the Administration seeks to put across at a time when the Communist assault on China is daily becoming more acute."

No Spare Parts

Bridges, chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, is a long-time critic of the nation's China policies. He declared that not a single combat plane or bomber had been delivered to the Chinese since August 1946. He said further that the Administration had not made spare plane parts available to China for two years.

He observed tartly: "Automobiles are quite useless without gasoline to run them with. Likewise, aeroplanes are useless unless they can be maintained and there has been no effort on the part of the Administration to really keep its commitment to China."

Bridges said that China needs guns and ammunition which can be used by ground forces. So far, he added, the Administration has apparently done "absolutely nothing to meet that urgent need."—Associated Press.

PAID IN FULL

Washington, Feb. 28. The United States has turned over \$36,391,000 to France as the final payment for French services and supplies to American troops during the war.

French Embassy officials here said that this still leaves France about \$110,000,000 short of what they call the "minimum" funds to keep up the French economy until the Marshall plan is effective.—Reuter.

G.I.s Digging Trenches In Korea

New York, Feb. 28.

Ray Falk, American Broadcasting Corporation correspondent in Seoul, said today that US troops are digging in along the line which divides the US and Russian sectors of Korea.

In a message from Seoul to ABC in New York, Falk said: "Fox holes are being dug at regular intervals along the 38th Parallel. American soldiers are also digging in new gun emplacements."

ABC said Falk had just returned from a trip to that area.

In his message (ABC said) Falk gave no details as to why US troops were engaged in these activities.

Associated Press dispatches from Seoul have said US troops were alerted for action following recent riots in the US death to more than 50 Koreans, death to more than 50 Koreans.—Associated Press.

Later

Seoul, Feb. 29.

A United States Army spokesman said today there is "absolutely no foundation to reports American troops are digging foxholes along the line dividing the U.S. and Soviet sectors of Korea."

American troops here have been on the alert since recent riots in the United States occupation zone but there has been no indication of activity along the 38th parallel.—Associated Press.

Decline In Sunspot Activity

Washington, Feb. 28.

The U.S. Bureau of Standards reported today that sunspot activity has gone into a decline after setting several records. It predicted that for the next seven years there should be considerably less sunspot-induced interference with worldwide radio communications.

It said the peak of the present 11-year cycle actually passed last June, adding "this peak was greater last year than ever before in recorded history. From now on, the trend of sunspot activity and associated geomagnetic and ionospheric phenomena will be downward for roughly seven years."

While this will mean less electronic disruption for radio and some telegraphic communications, it will have a limiting effect on amateur broadcasting. The ionosphere will become less densely ionized "so that it will not reflect the higher radio frequencies back to earth."

In a few months, the Bureau said, communications on the 50 megacycle amateur band will no longer be dependable for distances greater than 75 miles.

"The over all effect will be to jam all radio communication into an ever-narrowing band of frequencies for worldwide communication. The band space, whose upper limit is now around 50 megs, will narrow down to an upper limit of approximately 20 megs for continent-to-continent transmissions."—United Press.

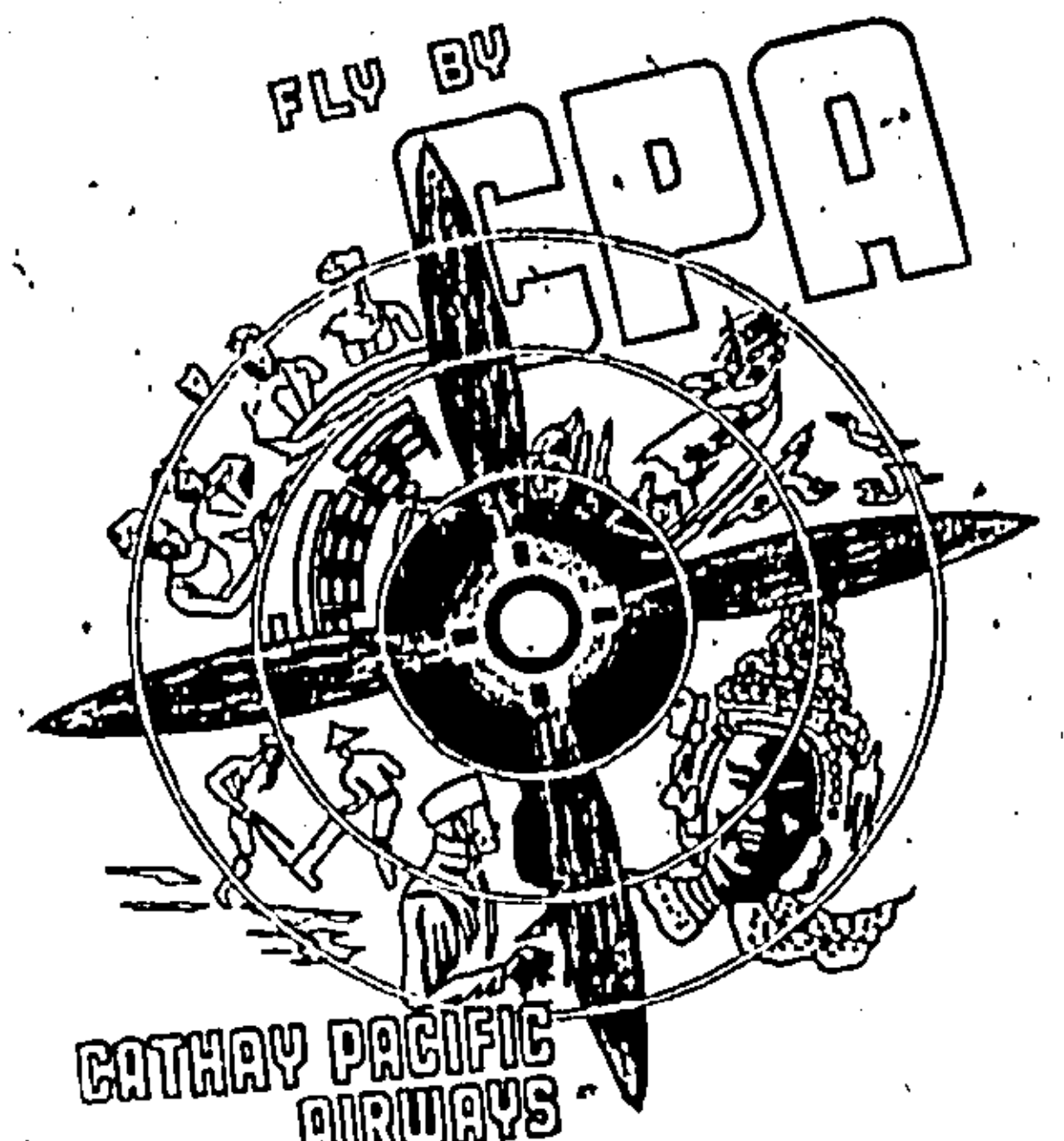
The Hague, Feb. 28.

The Netherlands and Pakistan have decided to exchange Ambassadors, the Dutch Foreign Office announced today. The statement said that the decision was taken in a desire to maintain and develop friendly relations.—Reuter.

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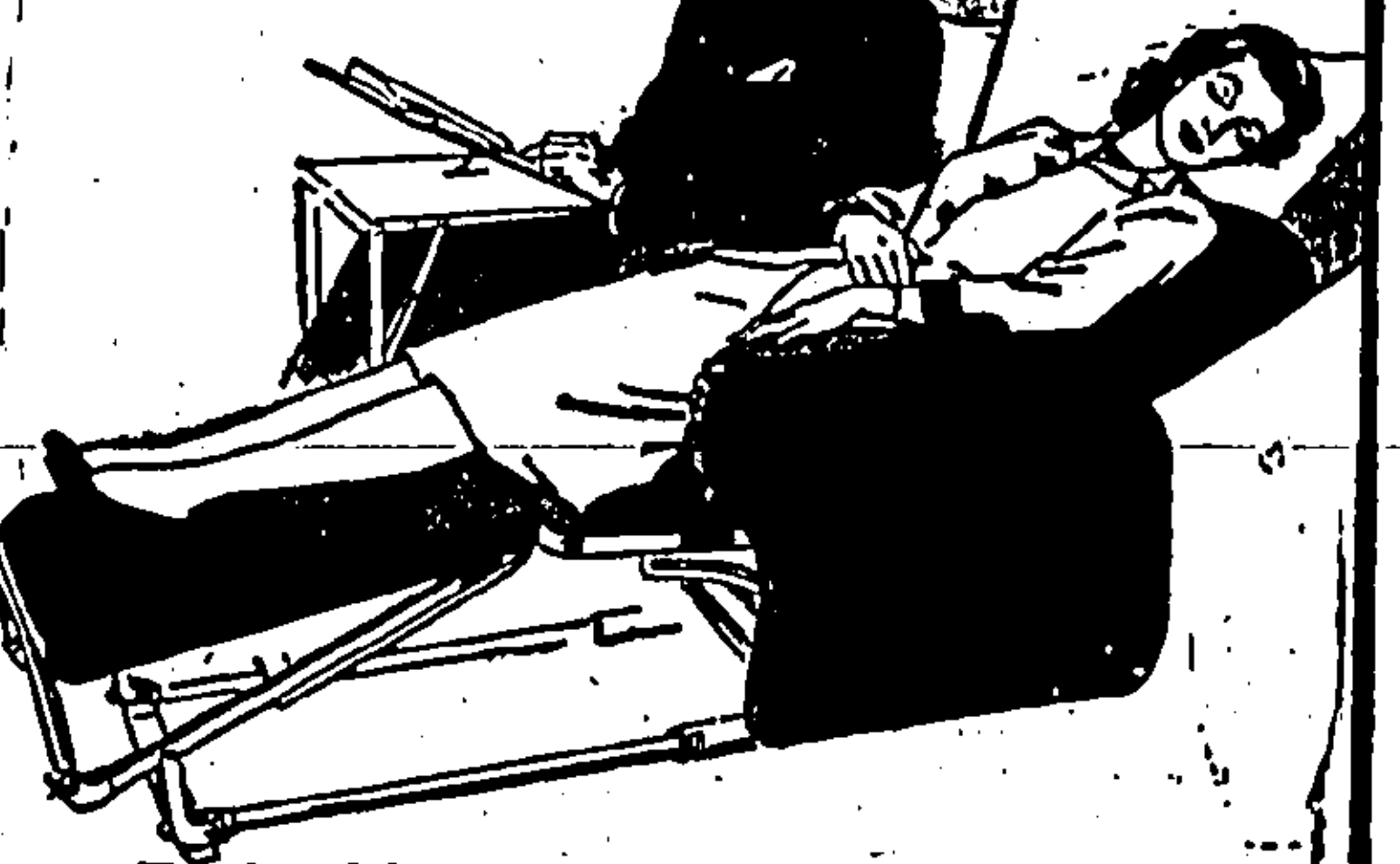
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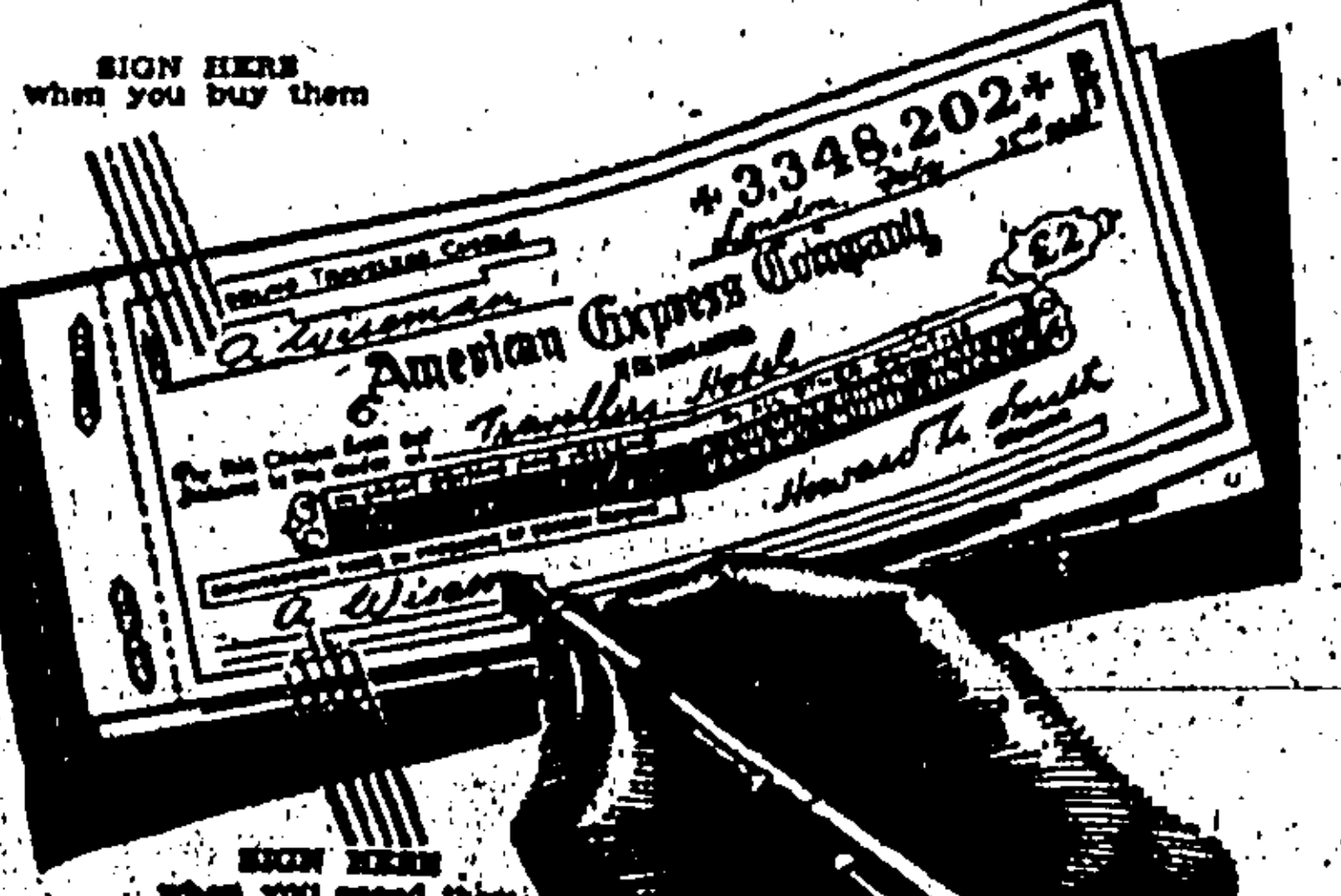
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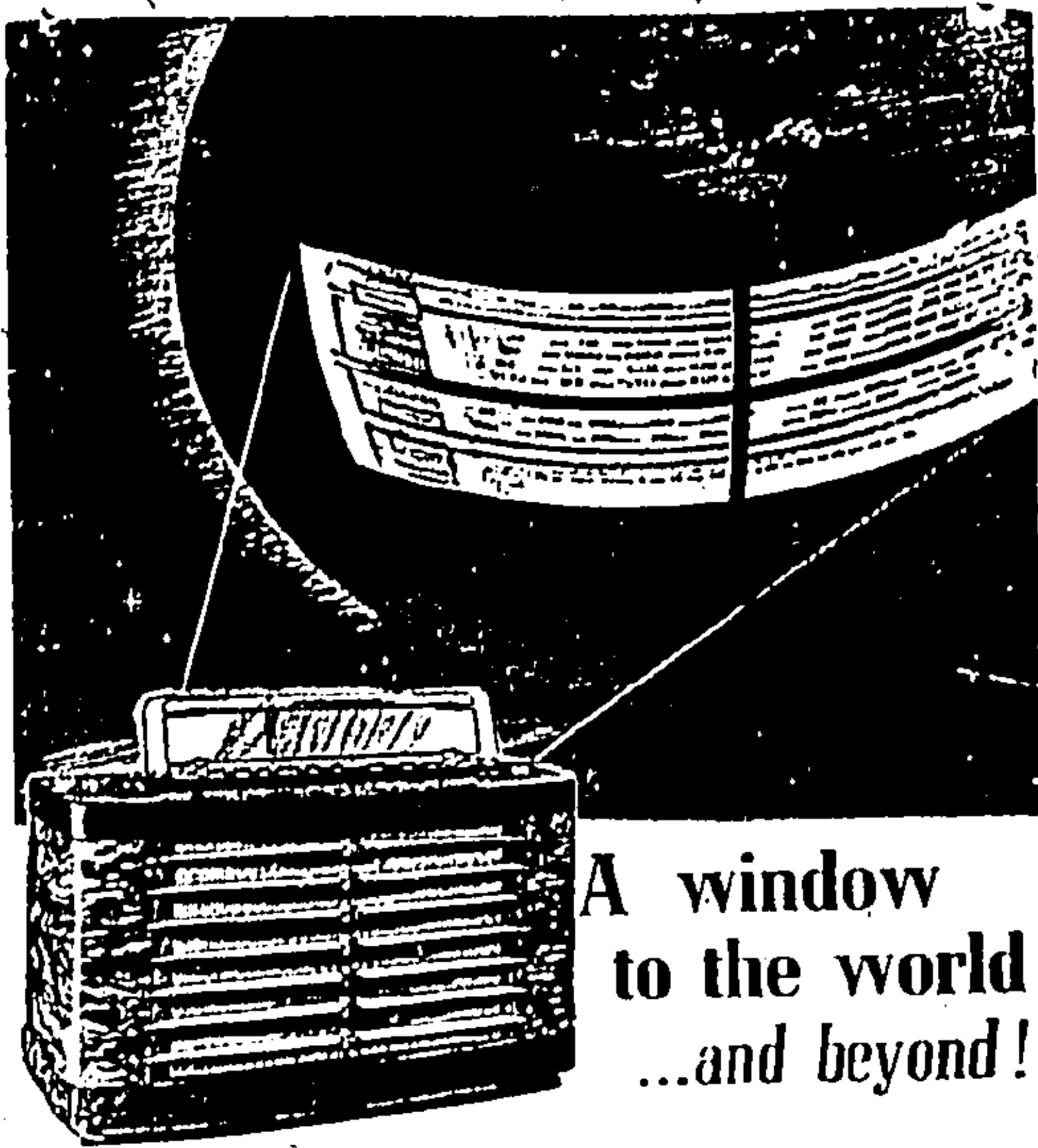
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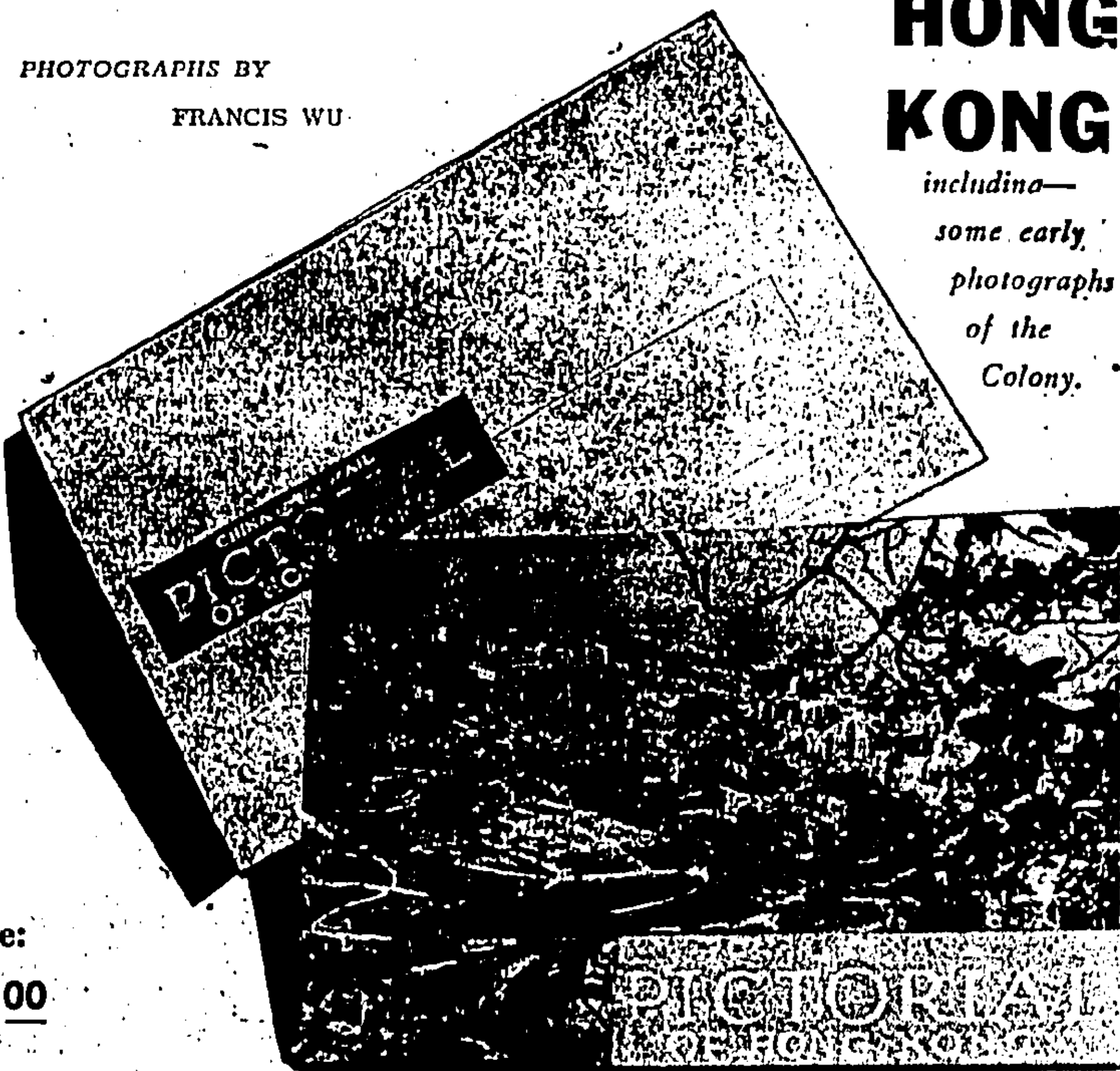
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One Way To Oppose Communism?

Ban On Foreign Newspapers

Prague, Feb. 28. A Government edict today banned the following publications from circulation in Czechoslovakia:

From Britain:—"Daily Mail," "Daily Sketch," "Daily Mirror," "Catholic Digest," "Catholic Times," "Catholic Herald," "Cavendish," "Illustrated Weekly," "Time and Tide."

From the United States:—"Baltimore Sun," "Chicago Tribune," "Time," "Life," also the Czech language publications "Narod" and "Katolik."

From France:—"L'Ordre," "Combat," "Le Matin," "La Croix," "L'Aube," "Carrefour."

From Switzerland:—"Band," "Die Tag," "Belgium," "La Libre Belgique."

From Austria:—"Die Presse," "Wiener Kurier," "Die Fackel," "Wiener Presse."

The Government also announced that the publishing firms Orbis, in Prague, and Zeman, in Bratislava, have been assigned exclusive rights for the distribution of foreign papers. United Press.

Had A Towel In Her Tummy

San Mateo, Calif., Feb. 28. Doctors thought Mrs. Lillian Arthur was joking when she complained that something must have been left inside her after an operation two years ago.

An exploratory operation performed yesterday brought to light a surgical towel 12 by 14 inches, wrapped around her intestines. The towel bore the name Harrison Memorial Hospital, Bremerton, Washington, where Mrs. Arthur underwent a Cæsarian operation for the delivery of twins.

Her husband said he had spent \$30,000 on doctor's bills and blood transfusions since the operation, trying to relieve his wife who suffered pains and swelling. United Press.

Events To Repeat Themselves

London, Feb. 28. Talks on the possibility of setting up an "International of Democracy" to oppose Communism are taking place between political leaders of all parties in Europe and outside Europe, the International Committee for the Study of European Questions announced here today.

This proposal forms the theme of a report sent to the Prime Ministers and Foreign Secretaries of various countries by the Committee. Signatories to the report include influential personalities in Britain, France, Norway and Belgium.

The aims of the proposed "International" would be to "ensure throughout the world political and economic conditions which will enable democracy to exist."

It is suggested here that the quarters of the organization would be in London, "the cradle of democracy and halfway between the two continents."

Most people, the report declares, are deeply anxious at the idea of a new war and of losing their individual liberties, and it is therefore likely that if an International of Democracy, to which they could turn, should be set up in the near future, millions would be anxious to give it their support.

To face totalitarianism today, a revolution of mind must take place throughout the world, in order to enable democracy to resume its onward march, the report says. It declares that even the setting up of the United States of Western Europe—a purely European step—would not be sufficient to achieve this aim.

Two phases are proposed: (1) The setting up of a Customs Union and, later, of an economic union, and (2) a political federation of the nations.

The signatories to the report for the British Committee include Lord Vansittart, former diplomatic adviser to the Government, and Lord Brabazon, former Minister of Aircraft Production. Reuter.

No U.S. Carriers In Pacific

Pearl Harbor, Feb. 28. Rear Admiral John M. Hoskins, USN, wartime Captain of the carrier "Princeton," arrived here today to become Chief of Staff of Naval Air Forces of the Pacific.

Referring to the plan to send the "Valley Forge" to the Mediterranean, he described the forthcoming absence of carriers from the Pacific as "a very temporary" condition.

The "Valley Forge" is due to leave Tsingtao on Sunday. Associated Press.

Austria Warns Her Communists

Vienna, Feb. 29. Secretary of State Ferdinand Graf has warned the Austrian Communist Party that, if necessary, Austrians will fight to protect their liberty and democracy.

In a speech prepared for delivery at a rally of the Right Wing People's Party, Graf said that "here in Austria we will not be fooled by propaganda or action committees of a fanatic minority."

"In defence of our liberty and democracy we will be just as fanatic and, if necessary, we will fight for them."

It was the most outspoken comment yet made by an Austrian Government official on the Czech-Slovakian situation.

Graf said: "The only difference between the so-called people's democracy and a Fascist regime is the colour—the taste is equally bitter."

Drawing a parallel between the Nazis and the Communists, he said "so long as they (the Communists) do not have the power they demand

Reds In Berlin Police

Berlin, Feb. 28. A detailed list of top police officials disclosed today that the Communist-Socialist Unity Party is in absolute control of the Berlin police.

According to the list, published in the British-owned "Telegraf," the Communist-Socialists occupy 37 of the 61 key police posts, the Social Democrats control 12 and the remaining 12 posts are held by members of other political parties or those without party affiliations.

Communist-Socialists absolutely control the Police Presidium (the supreme police body), the uniformed Police, and the Criminal Police divisions.

The police president in Berlin, Paul Markgraf, is a member of the Socialist Unity Party. Of the eight other members of the Presidium, five are also members of the Socialist Unity Party, two are members of the Social Democratic Party and one is a member of the Christian Democratic Union.

The chief of Berlin's uniformed police forces of 15,000 is Heinrich Kniep (Social Democrat) but his deputy, Rudolf Wagner, and personnel chief, Fritz Eickemeyer, are members of the Socialist Unity Party. United Press.

PACIFIC FLEET TO BE REINFORCED

Saigon, Feb. 29. The British Pacific Fleet will be strengthened this year with the arrival of some aircraft carriers and more destroyers. It plans to visit China and Japan in May and June, Admiral Sir Denis Boyd, Commander-in-Chief, told a news conference here yesterday.

Admiral Sir Denis Boyd said the ships would leave Saigon on March 5 for Singapore and later he would go to Borneo, Brunei and Manila.

"After a three-week stay in Hong Kong I hope to visit Shanghai, Nanking, Tsingtao and Japan," he said.

The rebuilding of the British Pacific Fleet "to prewar standards" would begin in June with the return of some destroyers.

British aircraft carriers are returning to the Pacific "towards the end of the year," Admiral Boyd said.

The fleet was at present "very small" due to demobilisation and lack of replacements training in England.

He said he was having no conferences with French Navy authorities concerning joint Anglo-French defence in the Pacific, "nor have I been asked to have any." Associated Press.

Courtesy Visit

Saigon, Feb. 28. Admiral Sir Denis Boyd, told correspondents on board his flagship, the cruiser "London," that his visit to Saigon was "purely one of courtesy."

"The visit, the first paid by the Royal Navy since the war, simply aims at re-establishing old friendships, not only between our peoples but between our fleets," the Admiral said.

Questioned on the future size of the British Pacific Fleet as compared with those of the Soviet Union and the United States, Sir Denis Boyd replied: "We do not know the strength of the Russian fleet. The United States fleet will be strengthened. Britain is not rich enough to support the expenses of a large fleet." Reuter.

democracy. When they have the power they run like the world of Fascists.

He warned that the Austrian Communists would increase their propaganda within Austria and added "you can take it for granted that they will discover conspiracies and plots. But they shall not mislead us. So long as the People's Party is the strongest in Austria neither Fascist desperadoes nor Communists demagogues will take over power."

"Austria is a democracy and shall remain so," Associated Press.

THE WHISKERS CLUB



Whisk had traced Hank to the home of the Fox. Through the window he had seen the Fox cast a spell on Hank, who got up from the log on which he had been sitting, and dreamily crossed the room. As Hank reached the door the Fox spoke: "Go at once to the barnyard," said the Fox slowly and firmly, and carry out my orders. Whisk just had time to dart out of sight when he heard the door open. Out walked Hank, still looking dazed and as if he were feeling his way.

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Major Decision For America
Senate Foreign Relations Committee On
Vital Need For Aid To Europe"Great Ideal Of Common
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Washington, Feb. 28.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee today released a report on European aid which said the Committee was convinced that without aid the European countries could not preserve their liberties and independence.

The report is to be submitted with the Committee's draft of aid legislation to the Senate when the debate opens on Monday. Although making no specific reference to recent events in Czechoslovakia, the report emphasized that the fate of free institutions would be decided by forthcoming events in Europe.

"The decision, which must be made, is whether we shall continue the effort to achieve our goal: The establishment of a stable world with free political institutions and a rule of law," the report said.

"World stability and European stability are inseparable. Free institutions and genuine independence cannot perish in Europe and be secure in the rest of the world."

"We must, therefore, shape our course upon the basis of our determination whether the countries of Europe can preserve their liberties and independence if they do not achieve economic recovery."

"The Committee is convinced that they cannot. In the light of this conviction, it has given earnest consideration to the form and scope of the programme of American assistance based upon, and flowing from, the European recovery programme of self-help and mutual aid."

Russia Criticised
Commenting on the Soviet attitude towards the plan, the report said:

"The Soviet Union and Communist parties elsewhere in Europe are in a position either to make substantial contributions to European recovery or to imperil its success. Recent developments indicate that the latter course might be taken. Through the Cominform, the Communist Party has continuously distorted American motives behind the programme which was initiated by the European countries themselves."

"Communist-inspired strikes and disturbances have already taken place—in a number of European recovery programme countries and might occur again, thereby greatly impeding the production effort of Western Europe."

"The Soviet Union, furthermore, is in an effective position to hinder the restoration of trade between Eastern and Western Europe, which is one of the basic assumptions on which the participating countries predicated their import requirements from the Western Hemisphere."

"The number of bilateral trading agreements concluded, or being negotiated, between

W. European Union
On the subject of a Western European Union, the report said: "A revival of the economic health of Europe, combined with the development of even closer political and economic ties, are the twin elements of peace and prosperity."

"It is therefore implicit in the programme that at the end lies not only economic co-operation in the form of customs unions but also closer political and cultural bonds. This kind of assistance in peacetime is without precedent in the history of mankind."

"This assistance is not, and cannot be, a permanent feature of American foreign policy. For Americans, the approval of this Act represents a major decision. If Europeans fully understand this decision, they will realise that the United States is making adjustments almost as severe as they are likely to call upon each other to make."

Door Left Open
Dealing with membership in the European recovery programme, the report states that the door should be left open for the following countries: Finland, Poland, Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia and Russia."

Of Spain, it states: "Of all the sovereign states of Europe, Spain was the only one which was not extended an invitation to attend the Paris Conference. From an economic point of view, Spain might be able to make a contribution to such a programme. On the other hand, due to the nature of the Franco regime and due to resolutions adopted by various international conferences, the countries at the Paris Conference did not invite Spain to participate at that time."

"Whether she eventually takes part in the programme will depend on her willingness to assume the obligations involved, the willingness of the participating countries to ad-

Air Crash
At Croydon

Croydon, Feb. 28.

The pilot, Wing Commander W. H. Wotton, and a passenger, Mr. Peter Whitehead, the racing motorist, who were injured in yesterday's plane crash near Croydon Airport in which the co-pilot, Mrs. Patricia Beverley, was killed, were stated today to be in a "very serious condition."

A second passenger, Mr. Charles White, is comfortable. The plane crashed in a road at Ridge Park, Wellington, Surrey, near the airport a few minutes after taking off for Milan.—Reuter.

mit her, and the ability of Spain to conclude a satisfactory bilateral agreement with the United States.—Reuter.

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Increased

Montreal, Feb. 28.

Intensified summer air services and slightly increased European passenger fares, due to mounting costs, were agreed upon by the International Air Transport Association conference which ended at Cairo on February 23, the Association's headquarters here announced today.

The conference also decided that the Middle East rates be cut during the coming six months. European freight rates will remain unchanged.

All these decisions are subject to the approval of the 30-odd interested governments represented at the conference.

Under the summer plans, 13 companies will operate a record total of 80 flights weekly between Europe and Cairo.—Reuter

INDONESIAN QUESTION
IN ABEYANCE

Lake Success, Feb. 28.

The United Nations Security Council voted today to send its "Good Offices Committee" back to Indonesia to work for a lasting peace. The three-member body, made up of the United States, Australia and Belgium, had returned to the Council for instructions after helping negotiate the recent truce in the Dutch-Indonesian fighting.

Today's action disposed of the Indonesian question, at least temporarily, and gave the Council more time to devote to the Palestine debate which will be resumed on Tuesday.

The Council's action on the Indonesian question came after more than two weeks of debate. The issue was whether the "Good Offices Committee" should participate in the forthcoming political negotiations in Indonesia, and, if so, in what capacity.

Russian delegate Gromyko contended the Committee was dominated by the colonial powers and should not be sent back. The other delegates were generally agreed it should go back, but they differed on the instructions the Committee should be given.

The Indonesian Representative insisted the agency should be given powers to arbitrate disputed points, but the Netherlands wanted the Committee powers to remain unchanged.

Today's decision was, in effect, a victory for the Netherlands although the Indonesian representative accepted the vote.

The test came on a Colombian proposal that the Committee itself be allowed to decide on what basis it should operate. This was voted on in three sections, none of which received more than five of the Council's 11 votes.

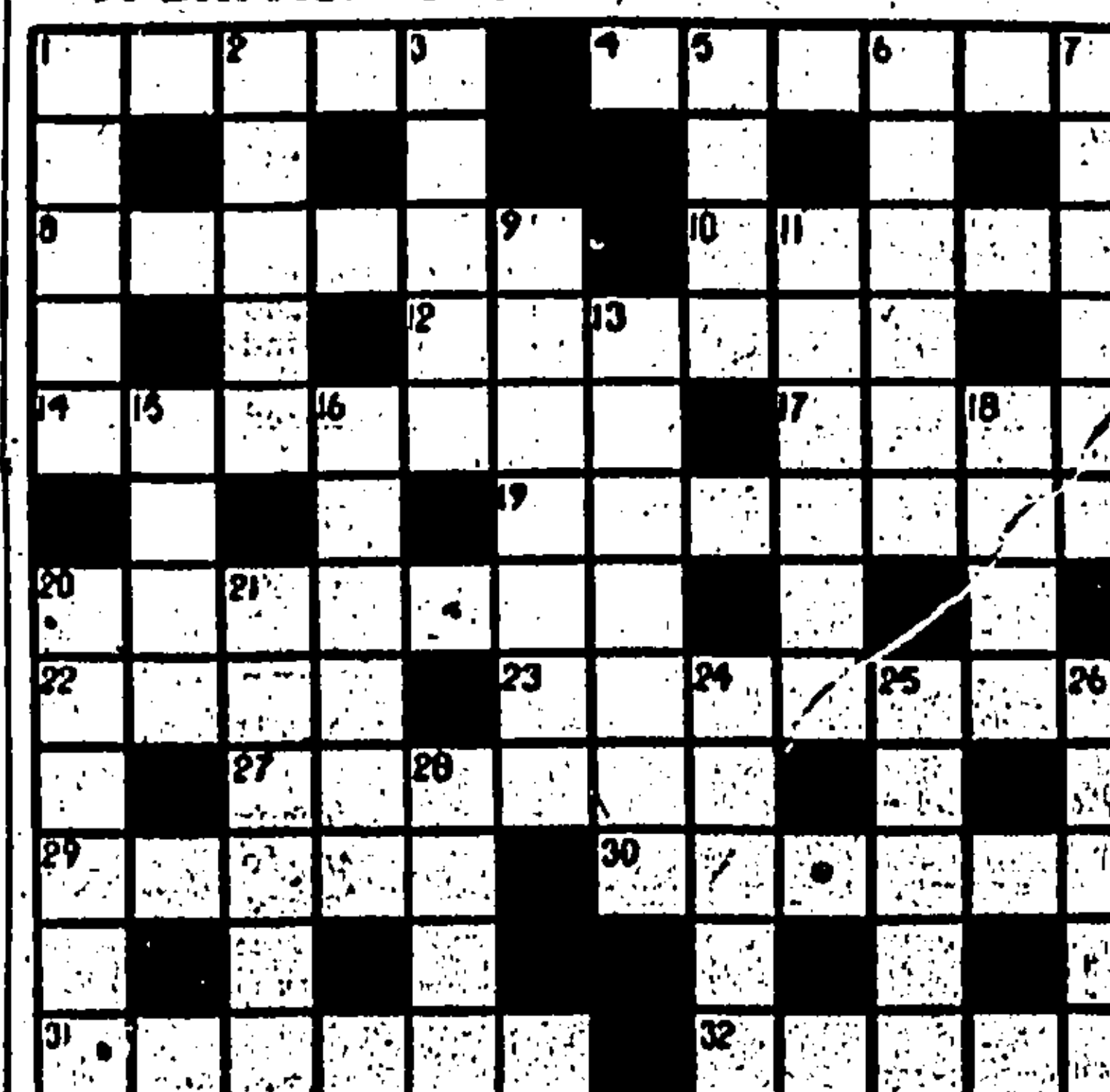
Vote 7-0

The Council then approved a Canadian resolution providing that the Committee return to Indonesia with its powers unchanged. The vote was 7-0. Russia, the Soviet Union, Colombia and Syria abstained.

Earlier, the Council had adopted a Chinese proposal calling on the Committee to pay particular attention to "the political developments in West Java and Madoera." The vote on this was 8-0, with Russia, the Ukraine and Argentina abstaining.

This action was taken after the Indonesian representative had complained that the Dutch were "violating the truce by trying to set up Governments in West Java and Madoera without plebiscite."—Associated Press.

A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



Clues Across

- Unintended.
- In short supply.
- Drink.
- Levelled.
- Corrected.
- Remedy.
- Valley.
- Restricted.
- Overseer.
- Drugs.
- Having made a will.
- Quiet.
- Elevated.
- Juggling.
- Along.
- Self.
- Out of step in portance.

Clues Down

- Child.
- Picture puzzle.
- Exclude.
- Grain.
- Kind of apple.
- Whirled.
- Strive.
- To equal.
- Devoted.
- Feminine.
- Instrument.
- Essay.
- Lizard-like.
- Amphibian.
- Richly ornamental.
- Give up office.
- Tempest.
- Foreign.
- Keen.
- Go in for.

Saturday's Crossword

- Across: 3. Immature. 9. Oval. 11. Minister. 12. Awkward. 13. Arise. 15. Peacock. 16. Salubrious. 19. Ball. 21. Moderate. 23. Madhouse. 24. Keep. 27. Torment.
- Down: 2. Cane. 4. Maw. 5. Mail. 6. Avid. 7. Uterus. 8. Earth. 9. Middle. 10. Nerve. 12. Joyous. 14. Curious. 16. Tangle. 17. Doped. 19. Sure. 20. Later. 21. Miss. 22. Duty. 23. Able. 24. Rapt.

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"TREVLYAN"	U.K. and Continent via Straits	15th Apr.
"TRESILLIAN"	Japan via Straits	17th Apr.
"TREVLYAN"	U.K. and Continent via Straits	25th Apr.
"TREVAN"	Shanghai via Straits	15th May.
"TREVAN"	Shanghai via Straits	20th May.
"TREVSE"	U.K. and Continent via Straits	15th June.

SHIP	TO	SAILING
"DILWARA"	Kure	7th Mar.
"TREVAYLOR"	U.K. Continent via Straits & Genoa	11th Mar.
"TRESILLIAN"	Shanghai & Japan via Straits	12th Mar.
"TRESILLIAN"	U.K. and Continent via Straits	19th Apr.
"TREVLYAN"	Shanghai via Straits	17th Apr.
"TREVLYAN"	U.K. and Continent via Straits	2nd May.
"TREVAN"	Shanghai via Straits	17th May.
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"TREVSE"	Shanghai & Japan via Straits	17th June.

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 Singapore
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 5th & 6th MARCH

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 on or about
 5th March
 Manilla/Singapore/
 Colombo/Suez/
 Port Said, Alexandria/
 Genoa/Marseilles/
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A WEEKLY REVIEW OF THE LONDON MONEY MARKET

London, Feb. 28.
 Short loan conditions have for the most part this week been very comfortable, with supplies of funds more than sufficient to meet market requirements.

Although payment for Treasury deposit receipts caused some of the banks to call money from the market, the amount of new Treasury bills to be taken up was never very great and the balancing of books was generally arranged without difficulty and by normal methods.

Towards the end of the week, however, the situation worsened when taxation payments resulted in heavy withdrawals, leaving the market short, upon which some special assistance became necessary.

The turnover in discounts remained modest although temporary expansion was reported when banks appeared as ready buyers of April maturities.

Some dealings also took place in early May bills.

Bank Return
 The Bank of England return revealed a fall of bankers' balances of around £6,000,000, the effect of which was apparent in the money market.

The reflux of active note circulation continued although on a much smaller scale, around £3,500,000 were returned on the week. For the corresponding periods of previous years, there was a small expansion.

Applications for £170,000,000 Treasury bills totalling £216,820,000, of which £170,000,000 were allotted at the average rate of 10 shillings and 2.41 pence per cent.—Reuter.

Illusion Of Prosperity
 London, Feb. 28.
 "There are two nations today, those who realise Britain's plight and looming catastrophe and those who still cherish the illusion of prosperity," says one "Economist."

"Recently, thanks largely to the frank realism of Sir Stafford Cripps, the gulf between the two has been narrowed but even now most people are still unable or unwilling to form any conception of the country's peril."

"The dollar drain in January reached the alarming level of £57,500,000 as compared with December's £48,000,000. The January drain may have been inflated by special factors but it is a formidable and frightening figure."

"But the British people are still capable of a courageous effort to save themselves."—Reuter.

—United Press.

Can Britain Keep Out Of The Red(s)?
 Bristol, Feb. 28.

The Minister of Economic Affairs, Sir Stafford Cripps, said today that only a full social democratic policy can save Britain from an economic disaster and totalitarianism.

Cripps told the Fabian Society that the only people opposing the Government's voluntary price and wage stabilization policy are those "whose purpose it is to create economic chaos in this country as they have done in other European countries."

"It is in this chaos that they see the best opportunity of enchain the people with the rigid and ruthless discipline which their methods demand. Can we so manage our democracy to enable it to survive and at the same time enable our economic difficulties to be dealt with effectively?"

"The answer to that question is, I believe, 'yes,' provided that we are ready to go forward with a full social democratic policy. To water this down in order to appease reaction in the country is to invite the kind of political development which we are all too familiar with."

Britain's balance of payments problems will outlast by four or five years the American aid under the Marshall Plan, Sir Stafford declared.

A social democracy which did not constantly move forward to its goal of socialism and the benefits that flow to the workers as a result was no solution.

"It is indeed a grave danger as it creates the circumstances, the vacuum if you like, into which some form of totalitarian compulsion is almost bound to flow from the Right to the Left."—Reuter.

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N.Y. Stock Exchange Strike?
 New York, Feb. 28.
 The New York Stock and Curb Exchanges have informed their members of the procedure to be followed "during the period of emergency."

This is understood to refer to a possible strike by members of the United Financial Employees Union next week. Even if the strike is called, quotation tickers will function as usual, as they will be operated by Western Union.

—Reuter.

New Zealand Premier On Sterling
 Wellington, Feb. 28.

The New Zealand Premier, commenting on the question of whether Britain will devalue the sterling and New Zealand's reaction, should this happen, expressed the opinion that although France has devalued, Britain would not take action.

But if such an eventuality did occur (and he could not see any possibility) New Zealand would not necessarily have to alter the exchange ratio of 25 New Zealand shillings to 20 English shillings.

The Premier adds that as far as concerns trading in the sterling area, the retention of the ratio would leave the position unaltered but might handicap New Zealand's trade in the dollar areas.

He says that all possibilities in this respect are being closely examined and much thought has been given to the consequences of any alteration.—Reuter.

Notice To Consignees
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From North West American Ports, San Francisco, Manila, arrived 26th. February, 1948.

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Mar. 2, Cathay Pacific, 12.30
Mar. 2, Philippine Airlines, 10
a.m.

Mar. 3, Pan-American, 12.45
p.m.

Mar. 5, Cathay Pacific, 12.30
p.m.

Mar. 6, Philippine Airlines, 12
noon

Mar. 8, Pan-American, 12.45
p.m.

Shanghai
Daily, CNAC, 10.45 a.m.

Mar. 3, H.K. Airways, 3 p.m.
Mar. 3, Philippine Airlines, 12
noon

Mar. 3, H.K. Airways, 3 p.m.
Mar. 7, H.K. Airways, 3 p.m.

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Mar. 3, Pan-American, 12.45
p.m.

Mar. 6, Pan-American, 12.45
p.m.

San Francisco
(Via Honolulu, Wake, Guam,
Okinawa, Shanghai)

Mar. 4, Pan-American, 4.45
p.m.

Mar. 11, Pan-American, 4.45
p.m.

Singapore
Mar. 1, BOAC (Capt. Scand-
ling) 4 p.m.

Singapore via Bangkok
Mar. 3, Cathay Pacific, 2 p.m.

Mar. 7, Cathay Pacific, 2 p.m.

Mar. 10, Cathay Pacific, 2 p.m.

Departures To:

Singapore
Mar. 1, BOAC (Capt. Mac-
gregor) 7.30 a.m.

Manila
Mar. 1, Cathay Pacific, 2.30
p.m.

Mar. 3, Philippine Airlines, 1
p.m.

Mar. 4, Pan-American, 8 a.m.

Mar. 4, Cathay Pacific, 2.30
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San Francisco
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Manila)

Mar. 1, Pan-American, 8 a.m.

Mar. 4, Pan-American, 8 a.m.

San Francisco
(Via Honolulu, Wake, Guam,
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Mar. 5, Pan-American, 8 a.m.

Mar. 12, Pan-American.

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MONDAY, MARCH 1

Closing Times by Air

Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m.
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Airmail for Manila, (Reg.) 11 a.m.
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Airmail for Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking,
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for Canton, Luchow and Kuning:
(Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Airmail for Huihow: Airmail for
Swatow and Foochow, (Reg.) 3 p.m.
(Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea and Train

Canton, 7 a.m.
Macao, Tientsin and Shek, 8 a.m.

Manila, Macassar, Sourabaya and Uta-
via, 10 a.m.

Canton, 10 a.m.
Japan (Ord. letters and cards only),
10 a.m.

Shanghai, 9 a.m.
Macao, Tientsin and Shek, 2 p.m.

Canton, 2 p.m.
Straits, Colombo, East and South
Africa, Egypt and Marseilles, 2 p.m.

Manila and Aden, 3 p.m.
Macao, Tientsin and Shek, 4 p.m.

Canton, 3 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 2

Closing Times by Air

Airmail for Amoy, (Reg.) 9 a.m.
(Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m.
(Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcut-
ta, Karachi, Bahrain, Cairo (Nairobi),
Johannesburg and Marseilles via Cairo,
Australia and London, (Reg.) 3 p.m.
(Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Airmail for Amoy and Foochow: Air-
mail for Amoy, Nanking, Hankow,
Tientsin and Peking, (Reg.) 3 p.m.
(Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Airmail for Swatow, (Reg.) 3 p.m.
(Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea and Train

Canton, 7 a.m.

AIR AND SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

ARRIVALS YESTERDAY

American Merchant (U.S.L.) from U.S.A.
K. Whf.
Stamhoud (U.S.L.) from U.S.A., K. Whf.

DEPARTURES YESTERDAY

Alpura Bhatang Bhatang
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Rahol Bhatang
Seachun Bhatang

ARRIVALS TODAY
Soochow (B. & S.) from United Kingdom,
Holt's Whf.

DEPARTURES TODAY
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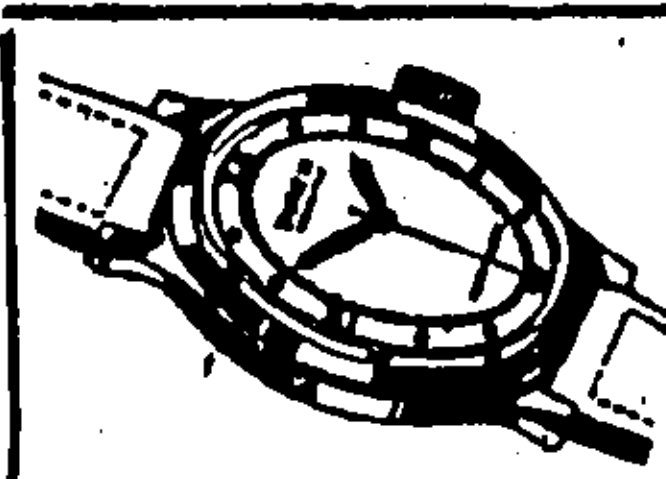
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LOCAL SOCCER FIXTURES

The following are the weekend football fixtures:

SATURDAY, MAR. 6

FIRST DIVISION
Innicks v. Navy (Sukunpoo, 4.30 p.m.); Ref. A. Brown. Lincmen v. A. Farmer and P. George. Kwong Wah v. St. Joseph's (Police, 4.30 p.m.); Ref. J.G. Padley. Thrusman v. A.P. Willis and J.P. Lally.

RA.F. v. Police (Navy, 4.30 p.m.); Ref. L.G. Young. Lincmen v. C. Redman and M. McKenzie.

South China v. 25th R.A. (C. Hill, 4.30 p.m.); Ref. L. Davy. Lincmen v. Y.T. Leung and F.A. Bartlett.

SECOND DIVISION "A"
W.D. Chinese v. R.A.O.C. (H. Valley, 3 p.m.); Ref. W. Gallahy. H.Q.L.F. v. South China (Sukunpoo, 3 p.m.); Ref. J. Havelaar.

Police v. Dockyard (Police, 3 p.m.); Ref. A.P. Willis.

St. Joseph's v. Navy (Navy, 3 p.m.); Ref. A. Leck.

SECOND DIVISION "B"
Chinese A.A. v. South China (C. Hill, 3 p.m.); Ref. A. Deacon.

SUNDAY, MAR. 7

FIRST DIVISION
K.M. Bus v. Sing Tao (Police, 4.30 p.m.); Ref. F.H. Bullock. Lincmen v. J. Ward and A. Guest.

Bulls v. Eastern (Sukunpoo, 4.30 p.m.); Ref. F.A. Bartlett. Lincmen v. A. Ribeiro and A. Deacon.

Club v. Chinese A.A. (Club, 4.30 p.m.); Ref. C. Tunstall. Lincmen v. J. Day and A. Farmer.

SECOND DIVISION "A"
K.M. Bus v. Kit Chee (Police, 3 p.m.); Ref. E.J. Nichols.

Taikoo v. Eastern (H. Valley, 3 p.m.); Ref. W. Gallahy.

SECOND DIVISION "B"
Electric v. 25th R.A. (H. Valley, 4.30 p.m.); Ref. A.M. Lee.

Signals v. R.A.S.C. (Sukunpoo, 3 p.m.); Ref. L. Frank.

Sing Tao v. Club (Club, 3 p.m.); Ref. A. Farmer.

A Referees' Monthly Meeting will be held at the H.K.F.A. office today (by kind permission) at 3.30 p.m.

World Record Broken

Kansas City, Feb. 29. Madril Gartiser, a former Navy flier, bettered the world 60-yard low hurdle record Saturday night as he led the University of Missouri to a landslide victory in the Big Seven Indoor Track Meet.

His time of six and eight-tenths seconds was one-tenth of a second faster than the world and American mark set by Harold Stelkel in 1943. Gartiser also set a new meet record of seven and four-tenths seconds in the 60-yard high hurdles and placed second in the 60 yard dash.

Three other meet records were broken. They were:— Kansas State's Rolling Prather in the shot put, with 52 feet 4 3/8 inches. Hal Moore of Kansas in the mile, with four minutes 18 and 5/10 seconds. Tom Scofield of Kansas, in the high jump, with six feet five and three-eighths inches.—Associated Press.

Brussels, Feb. 28. Cyrille Delandrot of Belgium beat the French middle-weight Laurent Druhuille on points over ten rounds here tonight.—Reuter.

Ireland Wins Rugger International

Dublin, Feb. 28. Ireland won the International Rugby Union championship for the first time since 1935, when, after having the worst of exchanges in a scoreless first half, they rallied strongly to outplay Scotland by six points to zero today.

But the general impression was that Ireland would have to show more improvement than to beat Wales at Belfast on March 13 to win the triple crown for the first time since 1927. Ireland had previously beaten England.

A capacity crowd of nearly 40,000 people watched the match, in which all the thrills were crammed into the last 15 minutes. The forwards were well matched, with Ireland having a slight edge in the last 15 minutes. Ireland's forwards were better than Scotland's, and Ireland's backs were better than Scotland's.

Yesterday's League Soccer Matches

After a hectic 10 days of Interport and shield ties, local football returned to normalcy yesterday when a number of League games were played and all the Chinese teams who have any interest in the First Division title won comfortably.

St. Joseph's put up a spirited display against Kit Chee but after being on level terms at the interval were beaten by 4-2. Club, who were without several of their regular players, were no match for Sing Tao and lost 4-1 after being outplayed during the greater part of the game.

At Caroline Hill, Eastern, Senior Shield finalists, fielded a number of reserves and lost to Kowloon Motor Bus by three clear goals.

SENIOR DIVISION

St. Joseph's 2 Kit Chee 4

St. Joseph's put up a spirited fight against Kit Chee on the Club ground yesterday afternoon and were somewhat unlucky to lose by four goals to two.

Although bringing off a number of good saves, MacDougall was not altogether impressive in the Saints' goal and let his side down when he allowed Kit Chee to score their second goal.

Of the two backs, Hui-sin was more reliable. Rumjahn was more often than not outplayed by the nippy Chinese forwards and failed to show the same form as that which he displayed against Sing Tao.

In the pivotal position, Xavior was a tireless worker and received valuable support from Manson and Toledo. The latter played a particularly bright game. In the forward line, Rocha, Pereira and Gomes were lively, while Omar gave a good account of himself on the left wing.

Kwok Ying-kee, leader of the Kit Chee attack, proved himself a real opportunist and always needed careful watching. His supports, Lee Ping-chiu and Tam Woon-cheung showed plenty of dash and were dangerous on the move. Tang Kwong-sum gave a creditable display on the right wing. In the Kit Chee defence, Tang Chung-wan and Lau Hing-choy were prominent.

St. Joseph's were the first to become dangerous and almost scored in the first minute when Rocha, receiving a fine pass from Omar, sent in a terrific drive which just went wide of the upright. From a breakaway, Tang Kwong-sum took the ball down the wing and centred, for Kwok Ying-kee to head into goal.

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Encouraged by this success, the Saints put on pressure and another delightful movement between Omar and Gomes resulted in Gomes scoring.

With the scores even, both sides fought hard to gain the lead. McKay, shaking off a tackle, threw an overhead pass to Mullen, who scored a try, which he himself failed to convert.

Ireland made repeated dangerous rushes and often only the safety of Murdoch, the Scottish full-back, saved a disaster.

Scotland rallied in the closing minutes when even Ireland's back had no do seem desperate. Ireland's backs were better than Scotland's, and Ireland's forwards were better than Scotland's.

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RESULTS AT A GLANCE

FIRST DIVISION	
R.A.F.	2 Innicks
25th R.A.	5 Bulls
St. Joseph's	5 Kit Chee
Sing Tao	4 Club
Chinese A.A.	4 South China
Navy	0 Kwong Wah
Eastern	0 K.M. Bus
SECOND DIVISION	
Police	2 R.A.O.C.
H.Q.L.F.	0 Navy
South China	1 Kit Chee

through the Sing Tao defence, and eventually following a clever bout of passing, he scored. Club were all aggressive towards the end of the game, but were unable to reduce the lead.

Chinese A.A. 4 S. China 2

Chinese Athletic's defeat of South China may well have an important bearing on the final positions in the league.

Chinese Athletic called the tune and the pace they set made one wonder if they could keep it up.

They opened the scoring after twenty-one minutes, but this lead was shortlived for seven minutes later South China, in one of their rare breakaways, levelled the score through their inside right in the thirty-second minute, centre-half Hung Wing Yuk converted a penalty against the South China left-back.

In the second half, Chinese Athletic took up the attack from the word go and it was decidedly against the run of play that South China saved the equaliser three minutes after the resumption.

Steady pressure by the Athletic kept play in their opponents' half for long periods and their efforts bore fruit in the sixteenth minute when their outside left claimed his second goal. It was from a corner kick that the fourth and last goal came. South China were not finished for they had the ball in the net but referee Tunstall disallowed the point as the centre-forward had previously handled.

Club 1 Sing Tao 4

Sing Tao garnered two further points yesterday at the expense of Club, whom they beat by four goals to one.

Forrow was again the mainstay of the Club defence, while Mackenzie, who deputised in goal for Leck, showed up well and brought off a number of good saves.

In the forward line, Redman and Weller were prominent. Redman was a trier throughout and proved a thorn in the side of the Sing Tao defence.

Although they fielded two reserves, Sing Tao were, on the whole, superior to the Club in every department.

Five minutes from the start, Sing Tao took the lead when Lee Hung-kee broke through and netted from close range with a shot which gave Mackenzie no chance. Immediately afterwards, Chang Kam-hoi beat Mackenzie for the ball, but Forrow, who had moved into goal to cover Mackenzie, cleared from the goal-line.

From an accurately placed centre by Bickford, Weller headed towards the corner of the net, but Yu saved. Lau Chung-sung came near with a hard drive, but Mackenzie tipped it over the crossbar for a fruitless corner.

Lee Hung-kee gained possession while up field and raced through to give Sing Tao their second goal, with the Club defence appealing.

Club carried out a number of raids on the Sing Tao goal, but the finishing of their forwards lacked punch. Half time came with Sing Tao leading by two clear goals.

Club started the second half in promising style and gave the Sing Tao defence many anxious moments. Mullen took the ball down the centre and sent in an excellent drive, which Yu turned round the upright for a corner.

Mok Kam-chung saved an almost certain goal when he cleared the ball as it was on its way to the corner of the net with Yu out of his charge.

From a pass by Lal Shiu-wing, Chang Kam-hoi flashed in a glorious shot which had Mackenzie beaten all the way. Club fought back, but their forwards were never allowed to get into a favourable shooting position.

Lee Hung-kee gave Sing Tao their fourth and last goal with a fine shot to the lower right-hand corner of the net.

Redman was repeatedly in the goalmouth, but he was unable to score.

How They Stand

FIRST DIVISION	
Arsenal	10
Burnley	10
Preston N. K.	10
Derby	10
Walsingham	10
Manchester U.	10
Blackpool	10
Middlesboro	10
Sheffield U.	10
Manchester C.	10
Everton	10
Portsmouth	10
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Sunderland	10
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SECOND DIVISION	
Birmingham	10
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Newcastle	10
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West Brom.	10
Walsley	10
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Colchester	10
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THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)	
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Manchester United In Semi-Final

London, Feb. 28. Manchester United, Tottenham Hotspurs and Blackpool qualified for the semi-finals of the F.A. Cup in today's sixth round matches. The games provided all the usual thrills of the Cup for over 170,000 fans, whose presence brought out special squads of police to shepherd them. They also brought out the ticket touts, who were selling tickets up to ten times their proper prices.

Queen's Park Rangers and Derby County, still drawing after extra time, will have to fight again.

Manchester United won through to the semi-final for the first time in 22 years, in spite of being involved in a motor coach smash on their way to the ground.

None of the players were hurt, as they proved in beating the dangerous Preston team by a margin of three goals before a crowd of 74,000.

Many of the thousands of Blackpool supporters who arrived in London for their team's tie with Fulham were at the ground seven hours before the kick-off, but they must have thought the wait worthwhile when Blackpool triumphed.

Ernie Hinton, Fulham's Irish International goal-keeper, was found to be suffering from influenza just before the match.

SKATING

Helinki, Feb. 28. Soviet Russia, competing in the world speed skating championships for the first time, won the opening event, 500 metres, through Kharlamov in 42.9 seconds.

John Warkentin, of the United States, won the 1,000 metres event, 2:14.4, and the 1,500 metres event, 3:44.4. Warkentin also won the 5,000 metres event, 17:14.4, and the 10,000 metres event, 35:14.4.

SOFTBALL LEAGUE LEADERS GIVEN SHOCK

(By Grandstand)

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Canadian Win

Inasmuch as Bill Woo's Canucks deserved their win over the powerful Recs, Recrelo's marmalade Tony Gonzales was without his regular hurler Leo Tavarres who was side-lined with an injury. Tony Remedios who took over hill duties, held the Maple Leafs for four frames, but cracked wide open in the fifth when a four-hit barrage ignited by Bill Woo's homer counted for three runs, which eventually proved to be the margin of victory. Kasza Nazarin was his usual steady self as he placed his pitches with deadly accuracy, while Tony Remedios for the Recs walked George White the first batter to face him, but after that, lapse, soon found the range.

The Maple Leafs were gunning in earnest for no less than four sacrifices were made in their determined attempt. The Canucks scored in the second inning on a single, a sacrifice and a roller to second, but a costly error when Geegees dropped a catch with two away, put the Recs in the lead. The Canadians squeezed the tying run after Woo had singled, and the score was knotted when Don Robbins slashed out a double right after Recrelo twirler Tony Remedios pulled himself out of the fire when he had the bases loaded, by smoking over a fog-bail which cut the groove letter high to retire George White at the plate. There was one twin-killing when

was replaced by the reserve keeper, Radcliffe.

On the Queen's Park Rangers' ground "apis" offered forged tickets, but officials quickly spotted them.—Reuter.

SUSSEX LOSE

At King's Park yesterday H.M. Dockyard beat H.M.S. Sussex by 18 runs in a friendly cricket game.

H.M.S. SUSSEX
Hayden, c. Hughes, b. Collins 1
Brown, c. Turner, b. Matthews 18
McCrosnan, not out 18
Mackney, c. Lacey, b. Adams 2
Shirland, c. Matthews, b. Adams 2
Gardiner, b. Matthews 1
Pettit, b. Adams 1
Seath, b. Adams 1
Rowlands, b. Adams 19
Hartard, b. Adams 12
O'Brien, not out 16
Extras 16

Total 144
Bowling—Adams 6 for 7; Matthews 2 for 21; Collins 1 for 14.

H.M. DOCKYARDS
G.C.S. Collins, c. Rowlands, b. Seath 5
R. Turner, c. Hayden, b. Seath 2
B.L. Ellis, b. O'Brien 18
L.C. Brown, b. Rowlands 33
H. Matthews, b. O'Brien 2
C. Hughes, c. O'Brien, b. Rowlands 24
C.H. Lacey, c. O'Brien 6
C.A. Adams, not out 16
E.K. Secher, c. Seath, b. Seath 6
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Shannon Not In The Race

Aradla, California, Feb. 29. The Argentine horse, Talon, carrying eight stones 10 pounds, and ridden by E. Arturo, won the \$100,000 (\$25,000) Santa Anita Handicap here yesterday by a short head from On Trust (eight stones nine pounds), ridden by J. Longden, with Double Jay (eight stones six pounds), ridden by J. Gilbert, third of 14 runners.

Talon, who is by Pantalon out of Guevara, covered the mile and two furlongs in two minutes 37.4 seconds.

The Australian horse, Shannon, carrying a top weight of 12 stones, was beaten by Talon.

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